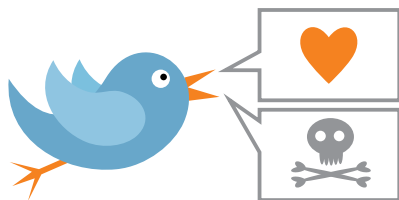


Is Babiš still a businessman?



One reason Czechs can't decide if Andrej Babiš is still a businessman is that they haven't even agreed on a proper word for "businessman." PM Bohuslav Sobotka said that Babiš needs to choose whether he wants to be a *podnikatel* or a politician. The old joke about the French not having a word for "entrepreneur" applies here. A *podnikatel* is technically an entrepreneur, similar to *živnostník*, but it's also used at times to refer to someone like Babiš who eats entrepreneurs for breakfast. Babiš would be a *velkopodnikatel*, but that word only works for a small number of *byznysmeni*. Nor does the word *obchodník* do the trick, because it can mean almost anything. Babiš can easily get off the hook by saying he's not a *podnikatel*, but the real question in his case is whether he's a *hands-on owner* who is still running Agrofert by mobile phone and SMS. And only the NSA can give us a definitive answer to that question.

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