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## Death of direct presidential elections

The traditional political parties never really wanted a popular presidential election, because it took the decision out of their hands, but a direct election was the only way for the criminal elite to assure that Miloš Zeman would be elected. His usefulness to the families running the country is now evident to all, but it is also dwindling with every dirty word the curmudgeon of the Castle utters. Vladimír Dlouhý is doing all he can to position himself as Zeman's heir apparent, but Zeman is inadvertently laying land mines along Dlouhý's path to a direct election. "Never let a good crisis go to waste," Zeman's beloved Churchill said. The traditional parties might now see a chance to use Zeman's degradation of the office to revert back to the kind of back-room parliamentary dealings that would allow someone like Dlouhý to still be elected. The people, after all, clearly can't be trusted again to choose a dignified president.

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