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Will Babiš swallow Agel?



Andrej Babiš argues that his conflicts of interest didn't bother his voters: They knew about his business interests and voted for ANO anyway. This way of thinking transfers the burden on others to demonstrate any breaches to the principle that a politician shouldn't use his post to promote his own interests. If Babiš enters the healthcare sector in a major way, it will be more difficult for him to argue that voters knew and approved of his business activities. Babiš's Hartenberg investment fund didn't make its first healthcare acquisition until this year. The invested amount so far isn't anything to get upset about, but this would change if Babiš or Hartenberg sought to take over Agel health-services company from Tomáš Chrenek. It would shine a different light on Babiš's recent attacks on Health Minister Svatopluk Němeček and would be evidence of such a "new" conflict of interest that calls for Babiš's resignation would be justified.

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