


Reconstruction of party financing

Some of the smartest, most devious minds in the country have devoted many hours over the years to designing sophisticated legal structures for funneling money from privatization and public contracts on all levels into the "traditional" political parties.

It's not the anti-corruption police or state prosecutors who are threatening to upset this model, as it should be in a rule-of-law state, but rather the arrival on the political scene of a [billionaire owner-operator](#) who figured out his own sophisticated way long ago for washing money from the state. His goal is to complicate matters for his political competitors while keeping in place the existing model that allows him to use corporate or private donations and loans to provide unlimited self-financing to ANO. For him to get what he wants, though, he'll have to let ČSSD keep its highway fund. Whatever the final compromise on the cabinet level today, you can be sure that it will have the finesse of one of those complicated structures ... and almost no impact on how the main political parties (and movements) are in fact financed.

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