


## Social media and asymmetric warfare

Asymmetric warfare is often associated with terrorism and insurgency, but it's also playing out in Czech politics on social media. Those in control - the politicians, police, prosecutors, courts, oligarchs - hold almost all the cards. They can lie, cheat and steal, because they have the firepower. Others who play entirely by the official rules have no chance. That's where the social media come in. Humor, irony, exaggeration and, it's true, sometimes flat-out lies are the only real defense against officialdom gone amok. We wrote today on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#): "Hey, Prouza, it's Pokorný again. Change of plans. You're not getting Industry. You're going to the Interior. Růžička will be in touch. Don't screw it up the way that idiot Milan did." We have no evidence for the implicit accusations in these few words, but anyone who follows the situation knows exactly what we're saying. And also gets a good laugh out of it. If any of the slandered parties are foolish enough as to respond, it merely makes matters worse for them. That's the beauty of asymmetric warfare. It favors the little guys.

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