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## Alexandr 'Radar' O'Vondra and U.S. interests

When Mirek Topolánek visited France as prime minister in Oct. 2007, he praised both Pres. Nicolas Sarkozy and PM François Fillon for their support for the Czech position on the planned U.S. radar. Fillon has since become a vocal opponent of what he calls the ascendancy or hold (emprise, in French) that the U.S. has on Europe. When he spoke to [RTL](#) in mid-2015, he said that Europe is not free, and one of the examples he gave for this were the "increasingly frequent incursions" of the U.S. justice system into the matters of foreign states. Specifically, he mentioned the \$8.9bn fine imposed on BNP Paribas in 2014 for violating a domestic U.S. sanctions law. Alexandr Vondra, who as Topolánek's deputy PM was one of the staunchest supporters of the radar, is now condemning the Sobotka government for not allowing the U.S. to make such an "incursion" into Czech law in the matter of Ali Fayad. Fillon has evolved since 2007, Vondra has not.

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