


## Kingmaker Filip of the Radioactive Republic

The perennial question is again being raised: Can we trust the pre-election opinion polls?

The third poll in a row has now shown that ANO, the Communist Party (KSČM) and Tomio Okamura's SPD would win more than 50% of the seats and could form a majority government. Their coalition would be a "radioactive" one, because the other political parties, to one degree or another, have ruled out working on the cabinet level with Andrej Babiš, Vojtěch Filip or Okamura. If one of the self-proclaimed "democratic" parties didn't rethink its anti-authoritarian and anti-extremist high-mindedness, Babiš could be forced to explore the possibility of ruling without them. Filip would be the kingmaker. He has publicly ruled out a coalition with Babiš, but not the possibility of providing support in Parliament for a Babiš-led minority government. This brings us back to the polls. They suggest that 50% of Czech voters reject the self-proclaimed "democratic" parties.

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