

In and out of war with Joe Biden



"Out of the frying pan and into the fire" is an old English expression for going from a bad situation to a much worse one. Czechs prefer to talk about going "from the mud to the puddle." They just pulled out of their longest war since 1648 only to hear [U.S. Pres. Joe Biden say on Tues.](#) that, "if we end up in a war, a real shooting war with a major power, it's [more likely] going to be as a consequence of a cyber breach of great consequence." A few minutes later he said that China and Russia are "our competitors - and possibly mortal competitors down the road." His words were muddled, as usual, but they clearly indicate that the U.S. is on a new course. It could fire first if a "cyber breach of great consequence" is conducted against it. Czechs haven't even had time to fully assess the war they just ended. Was Afghanistan a success? A failure? What should be done differently next time? And when the U.S. comes calling again to get it to join a new cause, should the answer be the same?

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