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ANO and ODS minus Fiala



Journalist Jan Vávra said on [Czech Radio Plus](#) yesterday that the most likely coalition partners after the next parliamentary elections are ANO and ODS. He was basing this on the [latest Median poll](#), which gives ANO an estimated 87 seats in the next Parliament and ODS an estimated 37. Median has been promoting the idea of an ANO-ODS grand coalition for the past several months by stressing that the two parties would have a constitutional majority of more than 120 seats (see also its [March](#) and [May](#) surveys). Yet ANO would also be able to form a coalition with any one of the other parties in Parliament, and it's unclear why Andrej Babiš would prefer a strong coalition partner over a weak one. A coalition of ANO and ODS would of course mean the breakup of the Spolu/Together coalition of ODS, TOP 09 and KDU-ČSL, which is the cornerstone of PM Petr Fiala's politics. Any talk of a grand coalition of ANO and ODS should therefore be seen as an attack on Fiala and those in his camp.

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