


Rychetský rewrites history



The appointment of the technocratic government of Jiří Rusnok 10 years ago in July is one of the examples often given for the way Pres. Miloš Zeman stretched the Czech Constitution to the limits. [Jiří Štefek wrote in Reflex](#) last month that Zeman had no constitutional basis for removing the Right from power and imposing a technocratic government and that it was in essence an act of political high-handedness. That's not the way Chief Justice Pavel Rychetský of the Constitutional Court saw it at the time. He told [Czech TV on Aug. 14, 2013](#), that Zeman didn't violate the Constitution and basically had no other option in terms of naming a new government. Rychetský had just been reappointed as chief justice, and he and Zeman were [hand in glove](#). It wasn't until 2-3 years later that the two of them had a falling-out. Rychetský, trying to rewrite history, told MFD last week that he [didn't really want a second term](#) in 2013 and that it's common knowledge that he was merely waiting for a new president.

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