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## ODS's silent rebels



The [cult of personality](#) around Petr Fiala is so strong that no one in ODS is willing to speak up even though the police are investigating suspicions of criminal activity. Rebels like Tomáš Jirsa, Martin Kuba, Jiří Oberfalzer, Jan Skopeček and Alexander Vondra are eager to stand out in the crowd on the Green Deal, energy drinks, the Istanbul treaty, Visegrad or other political or social issues, but mum's the word when serious crime is in the air. Only Sen. Hana Marvanová has said [anything](#) of [significance](#), but she's just a member of [ODS's Senate caucus](#), not of the party itself. If a party member confronted Fiala and demanded real answers in public, it would be seen by those at the top as treachery. But with the police conducting an investigation and Robert Šlachta's Přísaha calling for ODS to be [legally disbanded](#) for being a "criminal organization," some internal dissent would in fact be a healthy safety valve. Should worse come to worst, it's better to throw out only the rotten apples than to burn down the orchard.

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