

ODS organizes a turkey shoot



ODS's well-paid political marketers had all summer to realize that they were setting PM Petr Fiala up for a big fall in the Oct. elections and to take evasive action, but yesterday's launch of the next phase of the [Spolu campaign](#) shows that they're incorrigible. A [highly unpopular](#) prime minister whose party is caught up in one of the country's [biggest political scandals ever](#) shouldn't be the sole mascot of a three-party coalition that wants desperately to remain in power. That's how a party that wants to put an abrupt end to the attempt at a [cult of personality](#) does it. ODS has by far the most to lose in the elections, yet it's essentially organizing a turkey shoot for STAN, the Pirates and the two other Spolu coalition partners (KDU-ČSL and TOP 09). All they have to do is to tell voters to take everything out on Fiala and [Zbyněk Stanjura](#) and to give their votes, or preference votes, to one of these other "democratic" parties instead. STAN Chair Vít Rakušan has been so cheeky as to say he [wants more seats](#) next time than ODS. The real risk for Fiala is that STAN, the Pirates, KDU and TOP 09 will *all* outnumber ODS in the next Parliament.

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