

Baxa's shocking ruling



Yesterday's unanimous decision of the [Constitutional Court](#) to reject a complaint from Volt Česko against "undeclared" coalitions by SPD and Stačilo! comes as a shock to some Czechs who had believed Czech TV and other media when they declared, with absolute certainty, that such alliances were a legal violation. Debate-show host [Václav Moravec](#) of ČT set the tone in May by calling them "pseudo-coalitions that are in fact normal coalitions." The Court flatly rejected this thesis yesterday. Most importantly, [Chief Justice Josef Baxa](#) made it clear that the Court's decision not only applies to the election registration of these political alliances, but will also be invoked if post-election complaints are filed about whether the required threshold of 8% or 11% for getting into Parliament was crossed. The Court didn't succumb to the emotional and self-serving claims of the "saviors of democracy" who saw this as the best way to keep the current coalition in power. Yesterday's ruling and Baxa's briefing are an invaluable lesson to those who have blindly accepted what they're told by people and media with an agenda that increasingly diverges from reality.

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