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Petr Pavel's trust in Andrej Babiš



Tucked in Pres. Petr Pavel's [speech at the Castle last night](#) on the occasion of the Oct. 28 holiday was a lone sentence giving Pavel an escape clause from some of his earlier proclamations.

The parliamentary elections, he said, delivered a message about the "worthy ability [of voters] to resist the most extreme offers promising unrealistic, unviable, naive or even dangerous solutions." This was an obvious allusion to Stačilo!, which Pavel had warned against [just prior to the elections](#). It was also a reiteration of what he had said on Oct. 5 about how the election

results showed that most voters want to [retain the pro-Western orientation](#) of the country. Pavel is signaling that the "most extreme" political forces have been shunted aside and that the others he had warned against - the Motorists and SPD - can be acceptable under certain conditions. Whatever hesitancy he had toward cabinet-level collaboration with these two parties is now secondary, because he trusts ANO Chair Andrej Babiš to keep them in line.

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