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When Václav Moravec bows out



After [announcing his departure](#) from the OVM debate show on Sun., with the outro still playing, Václav Moravec gave a man hug to his final guest, ex-CNB Gov. Jiří Rusnok. Viewers got a rare glimpse into the behind-the-scenes reality of Moravec's version of "free and independent" public media. Rusnok had become one of Moravec's most-frequent guests, taking over from [Tomáš Prouza](#), but despite his many appearances, Rusnok never had to face tough questions about why he signaled to speculators that he was [extending the devaluation](#) of the crown or why he later gave these same speculators another slam dunk by adopting a policy of [interest-rate revaluation](#). Moravec used his prominent position to cultivate a coterie of important friends - others were [Pavel Rychetský](#) and [Lenka Bradáčová](#) - who engaged in off-air intrigue and on-air moralizing. Members of the clique have now lost a major protective shield and will need to get used to looking over their shoulders as the old rules of the game stop applying.

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