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ODS goes out on a limb for the Landsmannschaft

Public reaction to the Sudeten German [Landsmannschaft gathering in Brno](#) later this month is more or less split down the lines of coalition vs. opposition, so the timing of it is significant. If it had been, say, last year, ANO, SPD and Moto wouldn't have had the same platform to mount a protest. The Landsmannschaft's [statutes](#) stipulate explicitly that the annual event serve to carry out the group's mission, which includes condemning expulsions and ethnic cleansing and seeking redress for them. The Landsmannschaft [revised](#) the statutes in 2015, and this was treated by the media as a breakthrough, but the "unshakable principles" were in fact reaffirmed in the statutes and principles, as Bernd Posselt informed members in [March 2015](#). It isn't therefore politically astute for ODS Chair Martin Kupka to claim in [Parliament](#) that the Landsmannschaft hasn't in any way questioned the validity of the Beneš Decrees since 2015, not even in its documents. Kupka is digging his party into a hole that it will be difficult to get out of.

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