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Why Vystrčil shouldn't run for president



An [Ipsos poll](#) on Fri. gave Andrej Babiš 31.7% in the first round of presidential elections, followed by Petr Pavel at 23.8%. No great surprise there. More interesting was that Danuše Nerudová moved up to No. 3, with 10.8%, and that Josef Středula (5.4%) was behind not only Nerudová, but also Marek Hilšer (7.5%) and Pavel Fischer (6.5%). Next in line was Miloš Vystrčil of ODS at 4.8%. His inclusion is actually the most interesting aspect of the poll from the standpoint of free and fair elections. He had the chance yesterday on [TV Prima](#) to state clearly whether he intends to run, but he waffled. This wouldn't matter if he were anyone else, but he is president of the Senate. In [announcing the dates](#) of presidential elections on June 27, he said that he accelerated his decision because of the campaign-like activities of [certain potential candidates](#). By acting in his official capacity in a way that could benefit his own future candidacy, he lost the moral right to run for the position.

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