

## **An essay on political life -- not corrected (possibly some gramaticalmistakes)**

As usual, there are many hot topics touching the topic. Mr Bush`s triumph in the US Election, election of the regional authorities and a third of Senators in the Czech Republic, the 15th anniversary of the start of the Velvet Revolution against communist rule or, coming back to our place, planned renovation of some parks in Sokolov city including cutting down some two hundred trees.

What has notably surprised me is the common raise of peoples distaste for ideas and particular actions of the Left wing of the Czech political scene. Let me explain you what makes my thoughts bright and optimistic:

- I have noticed formerly strictly neutral daily newspaper MF Dnes has sorely blamed parties of the left wing for mistakes in their approach to daily issues of our country. Maybe even the uncommitted editors recognise someone should denominate the quickly rising feeling of discontent widely spread among majority of the Czechs.
- Two recently held elections showed clearly that actual governmental coalition lead by the Czech Social Democratic Party has no support among people. It is said there are some periods in changing political power. Maybe now the time of the Right wing straightening up has finally come. But I definitely do not think it is caused by the natural course of history. Everyday you can stare at news informing about another slipups of the steadily falling and increasingly nervous party of our premier Mr Gross.

One would become rather cross thinking of the unending story of failures of our political representation. But...it is too easy to criticize and pretend to be completely disappointed, isn`t it? What I think it is we ought to be optimistic, with clear ideas of our future...future without Social Democratic Party (not speaking of the communist).

Let me touch the US election. I don`t know what to thing of Mr Bush or, if he had not lost the vote, of Mr Kerry. I do not recommend you to try getting more information about the pre-election fight in the US, because you would become really confused. For me as an Europeatean student the campaign is one big drama, or rather a show not very different from what we can see on Nova TV at 8 PM. One example: in very attractive TV debates, the two candidates do not argue in typical style, they just repeat their statements and do not listen to each other. But I do not dare judging the election. I know my impression is necessarilly limited. It is different world there in the US.

I have noted local authorities at the beginning of this essay. I gave preferential vote to Mr Jakobec, Mayor of Sokolov, because I appreciate his politics of creating sports and free-time facilities in Sokolov city. I also like the cooperation of the Trown Hall with Sokolovská uhelná Company resulting in amazing opportunities for inhabitants of this region, e.g. the Michal lake and lately built Golf course near Dolní Rychnov.

To sum up this excursion to my political ideas I want to highlight one principle: If you do not vote, you have no right to grumble something irrtritates you.

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