

Into the New Year Without Embellishment and Without Hiding Problems!

Dear fellow citizens, the year 2025 awaits us, with some semblance of democracy and some semblance of a market economy. Also with the European Union and NATO. With the war in Ukraine and progressing climate change. On top of that, we may face more waves of illegal migrants, not only from the Middle East, and also another viral pandemic.

Where can we find even a hint of optimism in such a situation? Where did President Pavel find it in his speech?

My mild optimism, within the bounds of the law, comes from the fact that we need to acknowledge problems and name them. And urgently seek solutions, even unpopular ones—regardless of the approaching elections to the Chamber of Deputies.

I am not running for office, I do not support any party or movement. So I can calmly search for solutions with the help of experts and my own experience. Those involved in elections cannot do that—they can only promise and promise. After the elections, they then form unconstitutional coalitions and excuse themselves by saying that coalition partners won't allow them to fulfill their pre-election promises.

What kind of government is it that indebts the republic at the expense of our grandchildren? How can a good government allow the most expensive energy prices and the highest inflation in the European Union? Although we partly inflate the inflation ourselves. Excuses for rising energy prices, once partially justified, are now just calculating and ruthless businesspeople's tactics, trying to make as much money as possible at the expense of consumers. (Why don't product prices decrease when energy prices fall?) All of this increases the pressure to raise wages, and the vicious inflationary spiral can continue to spin.

Meanwhile, one million of our citizens do not have a family doctor. A thousand of our doctors work in Germany and Austria, and we have a shortage of doctors here! "How is that possible?" We have low housing availability, yet there are 860,000 vacant apartments. "Is that normal?" They say we lack workers, yet about 200,000 people are permanently unemployed and live on social benefits. Let's not even talk about workers employed illegally!

Doing almost nothing, presenting only positive facts, and concealing negative ones—this is the simple tactic of the current government. Did AI (Artificial Intelligence) advise them on this? What now? Solve the problems regardless of elections and party squabbles, tighten our belts, and balance the budget! For example, finally start fulfilling the promise to reduce the number of civil servants with growing digitalization. According to Socrates, everything must have its limits, including liberalism! What would help us all a lot is rectifying the distorted democracy. The influence of money on election campaigns and, subsequently, on election results is enormous. The creeping erosion of democracy, both here and in Europe, is also supported by the low interest of citizens in political events.

Fifty percent voter turnout in elections. Again: "How is that possible?" Where did the teaching of democracy go in high schools? Our distorted democracy, as a result, prevents beneficial proposals from those who are not in power from being implemented. Just because they are proposed by the opposition! These ideas then fall by the wayside, unfortunately, taking with them our way of life—economically, socially, environmentally, and culturally.

I wouldn't want my "speech" to sound too pessimistic. I believe that we will look the truth in the eye. I believe that we will try to solve problems according to our best knowledge and conscience! Let us wake up, let us wake up, let us wake up!

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