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OVERALL SCORE

6.0/10

Significant imbalance

0 = balanced, 10 = strongly biased/manipulative

POLITICAL SPECTRUM

Classification based on Chapel Hill Expert Survey (CHES) 2024

The Chapel Hill Expert Survey (CHES 2024) is an academic survey of 609 political scientists in 31 countries. Each party is rated on a scale from 0 (far left) to 10 (far right).

Party	Piráti	STAN	KDU-ČSL	ANO	TOP 09	ODS	Motoristé	SPD
CHES	2.50	4.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	7.00	7.50	8.50
Spectrum	<i>Left</i>	<i>Center</i>	<i>Center</i>	<i>Center-Right</i>	<i>Center-Right</i>	<i>Right</i>	<i>Right</i>	<i>Right</i>

The overall tendency is presented on a 0–10 scale (0 = strongly left-favoring, 5 = balanced, 10 = strongly right-favoring). The calculation is based on the difference in average favoritism of left vs. right parties (grouping per CHES 2024).

TENDENCY (L – R)

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Left-favoring

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Source: Chapel Hill Expert Survey 2024 — chesdata.eu | [Jolly et al., Electoral Studies, 2022](#) | Thresholds: [Pew Research Center](#)

This section provides political context and does not contribute to the overall score.



POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

The Czech Republic is undergoing the process of forming a new government following the October 2024 elections. The election winner ANO (80 seats, 35.0%) under the leadership of Andrej Babiš is negotiating a coalition agreement with SPD (15 seats) and Motoristé sobě (13 seats). The previous governing coalition of SPOLU and Piráti/STAN is transitioning into opposition. President of the Republic Petr Pavel holds constitutional powers in the appointment of the government and prime minister.

Party	CHES L-R	Seats	Government/Opposition	Key position
Piráti	2.5	18	Opposition	Digitalisation, transparency, ecology
STAN	4.5	22	Opposition	Municipal self-government, liberal centre
KDU-ČSL	5.5	16	Opposition (previous coalition)	Christian democracy, family
TOP 09	6.0	9	Opposition	Pro-European centre-right
ANO	6.0	80	Government (forming)	Populism, social transfers, Euroscepticism
ODS	7.0	27	Opposition	Fiscal conservatism, pro-European
Motoristé	7.5	13	Government (forming)	Opposition to the Green Deal, drivers' rights
SPD	8.5	15	Government (forming)	National sovereignty, anti-migration, Euroscepticism

The dominant topic is the formation of the new government and the staffing of ministries, with the key dispute being whether ministers will be experts or politicians from the coalition parties. The second major line of conflict concerns the state budget — the outgoing government refuses to submit a draft budget to the new parliament, while ANO describes this as a breach of obligations. The third line concerns the recovery of subsidies paid to Agrofert while Babiš was prime minister, with the Supreme Administrative Court having confirmed their unlawfulness. The fourth line concerns the future of public service media — ČT and ČRo — where the coalition parties hold differing positions.

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CHAPTER 1 — PARTY BIAS

Assessment of the accuracy of representation of programmatic positions

Party	Score (-5..+5)	Representation in the programme vs. programmatic position
ANO	-1	01:11 "candidate for the position of chairman of the Chamber of Deputies of the ANO movement, elected member of parliament Patrik Nacher" — ANO's programmatic position: social transfers, tax reduction for the self-employed, rejection of ETS2 — represented partially accurately; however, the repeated interruption of Nacher by the moderator and the dominance of the Agrofert topic distorts the image of the party as a whole; the position on ETS2 and the self-employed was mentioned but pushed into the background
ODS	0	The party is present in the programme only indirectly through references to the outgoing government — programmatic position not represented
STAN	0	The party is not represented in the programme — programmatic position not represented
Piráti	+1	00:54 "chairman of the Pirates Zdeněk Hřib" — Programmatic position of Piráti: transparency, anti-corruption, ETS2 as a source of revenue for an energy bonus — represented relatively faithfully; Hřib had the space to present Piráti's positions on Agrofert, ETS2 and the anti-corruption package; a slight distortion lies in the fact that the moderator did not interrupt Hřib's attacking statements as consistently as those of Nacher
KDU-ČSL	+2	00:59 "re-elected member of parliament, chairman of KDU-ČSL, Minister of Agriculture Marek Výborný" — Programmatic position of KDU-ČSL: rule of law, law enforcement, responsible fiscal management — represented faithfully; Výborný had sufficient space to defend the Ministry of Agriculture's approach to the recovery of subsidies
TOP 09	0	The party is not represented in the programme — programmatic position not represented
SPD	-2	01:01 "newly elected member of parliament of SPD, party chairman Jindřich Rajl" — Programmatic position of SPD: politicians from their own ranks for ministerial posts, national sovereignty — represented in a distorted manner; Rajl was repeatedly interrupted and questioned in a way that put him on the defensive regarding Šebestián, without having the space to present SPD's own programmatic priorities; his position on experts vs. politicians was repeatedly challenged by the moderator
Motoristé	-1	17:53 citation of Petr Macinka via recording — Programmatic position of Motoristé: rejection of ETS2, balanced budget, preservation of the independence of ČT and ČRo — represented selectively; Macinka was not personally present in the programme, his words were used as an illustration of "refusing to accept election results", not as a presentation of the programme

Summary of party bias

- Most accurate representation: KDU-ČSL, score +2
- Strongest distortion: SPD, score -2
- Average deviation from 0: 1.0



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- Conclusion: The programme devoted a disproportionately large amount of space to the topic of Agrofert and subsidies, which structurally advantaged the opposition parties (especially Piráti and KDU-ČSL) at the expense of presenting the programmatic priorities of the new coalition. SPD was represented primarily through the prism of the dispute over the staffing of ministries, rather than through its own programme. ANO was subjected to intense pressure regarding past cases, while opposition parties were not confronted with comparable questions about their own time in government.

Overall tendency on the left-right axis

TENDENCY SCORE: +1.4

CLASSIFICATION: Mildly left-leaning

Reasoning: The programme structurally advantaged opposition (more left-leaning and centrist) parties by making the dominant topics — Agrofert, subsidies, conflict of interest — ones that are historically associated with criticism of ANO and the right-wing populist coalition. Piráti and KDU-ČSL had the space to present their own narrative without comparable pressure to that faced by the coalition parties. The selection of topics and the manner of questioning corresponded more to the agenda of the opposition than to that of the new governing majority.



CHAPTER 2 — PROGRAMME INFORMATION AND THEMATIC FRAMEWORK

Programme details

- Title: Otázky Václava Moravce (OVM)
- Date: October 2024 (the exact date cannot be determined from the transcript; the context corresponds to the period immediately after the elections of 4 October 2024, most likely Sunday 13 or 20 October 2024)
- Presenter: Václav Moravec
- Guests:

Actors	Role	Party/Affiliation	Political spectrum
Patrik Nacher	Member of parliament, ANO candidate for Speaker of the Chamber	ANO	Centre-populism
Zdeněk Hřib	Member of parliament, chairman of Piráti	Piráti	Centre-left
Marek Výborný	Member of parliament, Minister of Agriculture, chairman of KDU-ČSL	KDU-ČSL	Centre
Jindřich Rajl	Member of parliament, chairman of party PRO (member of the SPD parliamentary group)	PRO/SPD	Right

Main topic

The programme addresses the process of forming a new government following the 2024 elections — the staffing of ministries, the programmatic priorities of the future ANO–SPD–Motoristé coalition and the dispute over the submission of the draft state budget.



CHAPTER 3 — 15 CRITERIA: DETAILED ANALYSIS

Hard Facts — 9 techniques that are countable and scientifically verifiable

1. SELECTION OF EXPERTS

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Expert 1: Marek Výborný (Minister of Agriculture, KDU-ČSL)

Timestamp	09:54
Statement	"I am glad that the chairman is sitting here, because we have always proceeded in accordance with the legal order"
Classification	Active member of the outgoing government with a direct interest in defending his own conduct; evident conflict of interest in assessing the recovery of Agrofert subsidies.

Missing countervoice: An independent administrative lawyer specialising in subsidy law.

Credibility assessment (Výborný):

(a) **FUNDING:** Funded by the state as a minister; institutional interest in defending his own conduct.

(b) **MANDATE:** As Minister of Agriculture he is a direct party to the dispute — not compatible with the role of a neutral expert.

D1 Conflict of interest: -2 — direct party to the dispute over the recovery of subsidies

D2 Personal risk: +1 — risks reputation by defending a controversial course of action

D3 Professional competence: +1 — legal education, but outside the specialisation of subsidy law

D4 Consistency of views: +1 — consistent defence of his own conduct

D5 Emotionalisation vs. data: 0 — combination of data and emotions

D6 Source level: 0 — secondary source (own statement about own conduct)

TOTAL: +1 → TRAFFIC LIGHT: YELLOW

(c) **PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE:** Výborný is presented as a credible witness to his own conduct, despite being a direct party to the dispute — this is structural bias disguised as expert testimony.

Expert 2: Jindřich Rajl (chairman of PRO, member of parliament for SPD)

Timestamp	06:53
Statement	"So from my experience I would say that it is definitive only when it is definitive."
Classification	Chairman of a coalition party; no professional qualification in the field of subsidy law or public administration; appears as a political actor, not an expert.

Missing countervoice: An SPD representative with specific expertise in the area under discussion.

Credibility assessment (Rajl):

(a) **FUNDING:** Funded from public funds as a member of parliament; party interest.

(b) **MANDATE:** Political actor without professional qualification for the topics being discussed.

D1 Conflict of interest: -2 — direct coalition interest



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D2 Personal risk: +1 — risks reputation in live broadcasting

D3 Professional competence: -1 — legal education (lawyer), but without specialisation in subsidy law

D4 Consistency of views: +1 — consistent with SPD's pre-election declaration

D5 Emotionalisation vs. data: 0 — factual but evasive

D6 Source level: -1 — tertiary (political interpretation)

TOTAL: -2 → TRAFFIC LIGHT: YELLOW

(c) PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE: Rajl is presented as a coalition representative, not as an expert — that is acceptable, but the moderator repeatedly confronted him with questions he could not answer without knowledge of the internal coalition negotiations.

Missing groups of experts:

- Independent administrative lawyer specialising in subsidy law and conflict of interest
- Independent economist for the analysis of the state budget
- Member of the National Budget Council as a direct guest (not merely cited from a recording)

Source Credibility Overview:

Source	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	Total	Signal
Marek Výborný (Minister of Agriculture, KDU-ČSL)	-2	+1	+1	+1	0	0	+1	YELLOW
Jindřich Rajl (chairman of PRO, member of parliament for SPD)	-2	+1	-1	+1	0	-1	-2	YELLOW

Summary: The programme contained no truly independent expert — all guests were political actors with an evident party interest. The citation of a National Budget Council member from a recording (42:43) is the only approximation of an independent expert perspective, but this expert was not invited for direct discussion.



2. SELECTION OF SOURCES

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Claims without primary source = penalty points (rumour check)

Source 1: Seznam zprávy

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05:37 — Statement: "according to Seznam zprávy, Martin Šebestián is a possible candidate for the post of Minister of Agriculture"

- (a) **Funding and founder:** Private media owned by the Seznam.cz group; commercial interest.
- (b) **Structural conflict of interest:** Seznam zprávy is a competitor of ČT in the field of news reporting; their citation as a primary source of information on coalition negotiations is problematic — this is speculation, not verified information.
- (c) **Missing:** A source confirming or refuting this information from the coalition parties.

Source 2: Piráti press release

Timestamp

12:39 — Statement: "A man who paid out unlawful subsidies to Agrofert has no business heading the Ministry of Agriculture."

- (a) **Funding:** Political party funded from public funds and membership fees.
- (b) **Structural conflict of interest:** Piráti is an opposition party with a direct interest in discrediting a potential minister from a coalition party — the press release is a political document, not a professional analysis.
- (c) **Missing:** An independent legal assessment of the claims contained in the press release.

Source 3: Member of the National Budget Council (from a recording)

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42:43 — Statement: "completely non-standardly during September there was an increase in the expenditure framework"

- (a) **Funding:** The National Budget Council is an independent advisory body funded from the state budget.
- (b) **Structural conflict of interest:** Minimal — the council has a mandate to independently assess fiscal policy.
- (c) **Missing:** Direct presence of a council member as a guest; a citation from a recording does not permit follow-up questions.

Verification of rumours (penalty points):

Rumour 1:

Timestamp: 05:37

Claim: "according to Seznam zprávy, Martin Šebestián is a possible candidate for the post of Minister of Agriculture"

Verbal marker: "possible candidate" — speculation without confirmation

Primary source: NO — penalty point +1

Rumour 2:

Timestamp: 07:01

Claim: "Motoristé insist on politicians from the Motoristé parliamentary group"

Verbal marker: "insist" — without direct confirmation from Motoristé present in the programme

Primary source: NO — penalty point +1



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Summary: The programme worked primarily with media speculation and party press releases as primary sources of information on coalition negotiations. The only truly independent source (National Budget Council) was cited only from a recording. The selection of sources structurally advantaged the opposition narrative.



3. TIME ALLOCATION						6/10			
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Estimated speaking time:

- Marek Výborný (KDU-ČSL, outgoing government/opposition): approximately 14 minutes (25%)
- Zdeněk Hřib (Piráti, opposition): approximately 12 minutes (21%)
- Patrik Nacher (ANO, future coalition): approximately 16 minutes (28%)
- Jindřich Rajl (PRO/SPD, future coalition): approximately 5 minutes (9%)
- Presenter Václav Moravec: approximately 10 minutes (17%)

Summary: The time allocation is, at first glance, relatively balanced between ANO and the opposition, however Rajl as the SPD representative had significantly less space (9%) than the other guests. Moreover, Nacher's time was largely spent on defensive responses to attacking questions, rather than on presenting the programme, while Hřib and Výborný had space for offensive argumentation.



4. SELECTIVE OMISSION

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Omission 1:

Context

Programmatic priorities of the new coalition — specific legislative plans of ANO, SPD and Motoristé.

Relevant at: 32:00 — Nacher began listing priorities but was interrupted and the topic returned to Agrofert.

Impact

The viewer gained the impression that the new coalition has no programme and that the only common ground is "not extraditing Babiš and Okamura to criminal courts" (Hřib's characterisation, 18:43).

Omission 2:

Context

The results of the outgoing government in the area being criticised — specifically the results of Piráti in the area of digitalisation and building permit procedures.

Relevant at: 19:51 — Nacher mentioned "billions in damages" caused by Piráti at the city hall, but this claim was neither verified nor developed by the moderator.

Impact

Criticism of the outgoing government by ANO was not confronted with facts as consistently as criticism of the future coalition.

Omission 3:

Context

Motoristé sobě's position on the staffing of ministries — the party was not present as a guest.

Relevant at: 17:53 — Macinka was cited only from a recording in the context of criticism of demonstrators.

Impact

Motoristé as a coalition partner with differing positions (preservation of ČT, balanced budget) were not represented; their perspective was presented only as an illustration of "refusing to accept election results".

Summary: The systematic omission of the programmatic priorities of the new coalition and the absence of Motoristé as a guest created a structural imbalance in favour of the opposition narrative. The programme focused on cases and personnel rather than on a substantive analysis of programmatic differences.

Missing Voices

- Independent constitutional lawyer: Would have contributed to the analysis of the government's obligation to submit the state budget and the constitutional limits of the President's powers in appointing the government.
- Independent economist or member of the National Budget Council: Would have contributed to an objective analysis of the state budget without a party interest; the council member was cited only from a recording.
- Representative of Motoristé sobě: As a coalition partner with differing positions (preservation of ČT, balanced budget) would have contributed to a more complete picture of the future coalition.
- Representative of ODS: As the largest opposition party would have contributed an opposition perspective without party affiliation to the outgoing government.



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- Representative of the self-employed or their organisation: Would have contributed to the assessment of planned changes to the flat-rate tax from the perspective of those directly affected.
- Representative of the Association of Private Farmers: Was mentioned but not invited; would have contributed to the assessment of Šebestián's nomination from a professional perspective.
- Representative of the scientific community on the nomination of Macinka: 500 scientists were mentioned by Hřib, but no scientist was invited to give direct testimony.
- Legal expert on conflict of interest and subsidy law: Would have contributed to an objective analysis of the legal situation surrounding Agrofert without a party interest.



5. MANIPULATION OF NUMBERS

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Complete figures include: absolute value, proportion (%) and trend

Finding 1:

Timestamp 12:53

Number: "the Ministry of Agriculture is not recovering 7.5 billion"

Dimensions: (a) absolute value — yes; (b) proportion — NO (what is the proportion of total Agrofert subsidies?); (c) trend — NO (how has the recovery developed over time?)

Missing context

It is not stated how much of these 7.5 billion is legally recoverable following the NSS ruling, how much is the subject of administrative proceedings and how much is disputed.

Impact

The figure of 7.5 billion appears as clear evidence of ministerial inaction, although the legal situation is more complex.

Finding 2:

Timestamp 43:15

Number: "increase in the expenditure framework" and "the revenue side of the budget assumes higher income of 37.2 billion CZK"

Dimensions: (a) absolute value — yes; (b) proportion — NO (what is the proportion of the total budget?); (c) trend — NO (how have these figures developed in previous budgets?)

Missing context

It is not stated whether similar "non-standard" procedures were also used by previous governments; a comparison with historical data is missing.

Impact

The figures are presented as evidence of dishonesty on the part of the outgoing government without historical context.

Finding 3:

Timestamp 30:38

Number: "1.7 trillion are mandatory expenditures"

Dimensions: (a) absolute value — yes; (b) proportion — NO (what is the proportion of the total state budget?); (c) trend — NO (how have mandatory expenditures developed?)

Missing context

It is not stated what proportion of mandatory expenditures consists of pensions and how they will be affected by ANO's planned increases.

Impact

The figure is used as an argument for the impossibility of a balanced budget without providing context.

Summary: The programme repeatedly worked with figures without sufficient context — proportions, trends and historical comparisons were missing. Figures were used as political arguments rather than as analytical tools.



6. GUILT BY ASSOCIATION							7/10		
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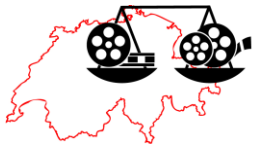
Association 1:	
Timestamp	18:43
Quote	<i>"that coalition of the Eagle's Nest and the Stork's Nest, which began to take shape here on the basis of the fundamental common bond, which is, we will not extradite anyone to those criminal court proceedings"</i>
Technique: Hřib associates the entire future coalition with the criminal cases of its chairmen; the moderator did not challenge this characterisation.	
Impact	The viewer is led to conclude that the only programmatic common bond of the coalition is the protection of Babiř and Okamura from the courts — without verification of this claim.

Association 2:	
Timestamp	20:54
Quote	<i>"It's about the same as if we put someone in charge of the Ministry of Health who sells some miracles or some other nonsense here, the kind of thing Mr Turek used to sell."</i>
Technique: Hřib compares Macinka to the "miracles" sold by Turek — association with charlatanism; the moderator did not challenge this characterisation.	
Impact	Macinka is associated with charlatanism in his absence from the programme and without the possibility of responding.

Association 3:	
Timestamp	22:55
Quote	<i>"Zdeněk Hřib is already saying here who will all be criminally prosecuted. He himself will be dealt with in a misdemeanour proceeding, because he received unjustified remuneration."</i>
Technique: Nacher associates Hřib with unjustified remuneration; the moderator did not challenge this association, but did not develop it either.	
Impact	Mutual associations with criminal cases without verification of facts.

Check for persons framed as "charlatans" (Macinka):

- Does he work with demonstrable primary sources? **PARTIALLY** — Macinka's positions on the environment are publicly available, but their scientific value is disputed.
- Are his key claims falsifiable? **YES** — the scientific community is able to assess his positions.
- **RESULT CATEGORY: B** — borderline case (parts of his positions are scientifically disputed, but they do not constitute non-falsifiable conspiracy theories)
- **IMPORTANT:** Hřib's characterisation of Macinka as a "charlatan" is framing, not a scientific assessment.



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Summary: The programme permitted repeated associations of the future coalition with criminal cases and of Macinka with charlatanism without consistent challenge from the moderator. Macinka was associated with charlatanism in his absence from the programme and without the possibility of responding.



7. TIMING

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Finding 1:

Position: 05:37 (beginning of programme)

Content: Citation from a recording of Martin Šebestián defending the payment of Agrofert subsidies and information about the NSS ruling that rejected this argumentation.

Timing effect: The programme was opened with the topic of Agrofert and subsidies before the guests had the opportunity to present their own agenda; this topic thus dominated the entire first hour.

Finding 2:

Position: 18:04 (middle of programme)

Content: Citation of a recording of Petr Macinka on demonstrations against election results, immediately after which Hřib compared Macinka to a charlatan.

Timing effect: Macinka's statement was selected to generate maximum contrast with scientific criticism — without the context of his other programmatic positions.

Finding 3:

Position: 57:22 (end of programme)

Content: The moderator closed the programme with the words "curious whether the cowboy show ended in the first hour" — an ironic characterisation of the debate.

Timing effect: The closing characterisation of the programme as a "cowboy show" relativises all preceding discussion and leaves the viewer with an impression of chaos rather than substantive conclusions.

Summary: The programme was structured so that the topic of Agrofert dominated from the beginning; the programmatic priorities of the new coalition were pushed into the second half of the programme, where they were given significantly less space.



8. SELECTIVE OUTRAGE

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Outrage = bias. Selective outrage amplifies the finding. Score = outrage level (0–5) + selectivity (0–5)

Methodological principle (v2.2): Before each assessment, the triggering event must be documented. A reaction can only be assessed as selective if comparable triggers from other positions did not produce an analogous reaction.

Finding 1:

Timestamp 21:23

Triggering event: Nacher attacks Piráti with the statement about "billions in damages at the city hall".

Reaction: "Říp, who inflates everything at the city hall, the Pirates, who failed to handle the building permit process, absolutely nothing, they caused billions here, I am not afraid to say tens of billions in damages"

Comparison

Hřib's analogous attack on Macinka (20:54) — the moderator did not intervene; Nacher's counter-attacking characterisation of Piráti — the moderator interrupted and redirected the debate.

Asymmetry: Demonstrable — the moderator intervened during Nacher's attack on Piráti, but did not intervene during Hřib's attack on Macinka.

Degree of outrage: 2/5

Selectivity: 3/5

Finding 2:

Timestamp 13:03

Triggering event: Výborný described the Piráti claim as "an absolutely outrageous lie".

Reaction: The moderator did not intervene, the debate continued.

Comparison

Nacher, when analogously describing Hřib's statements as a lie (23:39) — the moderator intervened and called for the rules of the debate to be observed.

Asymmetry: Výborný was able to describe the Piráti claim as a lie without moderatorial intervention; Nacher, making an analogous statement, was interrupted by the moderator — the asymmetry is demonstrable.

Degree of outrage: 1/5

Selectivity: 3/5

Summary: The programme exhibits a mild but demonstrable asymmetry in moderatorial interventions — attacking statements by opposition guests (Hřib, Výborný) were tolerated longer than analogous statements by coalition guests (Nacher). The overall degree of outrage is low, but selectivity is apparent.



9. SELECTIVE OMISSION — OVERALL PICTURE

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Finding 1:

Timestamp 18:43

Missing perspective/fact: Hřib's characterisation of the coalition as a "non-extradition coalition" was not confronted with the fact that Babiš's Stork's Nest case is still in judicial proceedings and the outcome is unknown.

Relevance: Hřib's claim is a political assessment, not a legal fact; its non-challenging by the moderator gives it the appearance of factuality.

Impact

The viewer is led to conclude that the coalition is primarily motivated by protecting Babiš from the courts, without this conclusion being supported by evidence.

Finding 2:

Timestamp 25:33

Missing perspective/fact: The moderator summarised the coalition's programmatic common ground (cheaper energy, rejection of ETS2, capping the retirement age) but did not devote comparable space to these topics as to the topic of Agrofert.

Relevance: Programmatic priorities are key for viewers in assessing the future government; their marginalisation distorts the overall picture.

Impact

The viewer gained the impression that the coalition has no substantive programme, even though programmatic common ground exists.

Finding 3:

Timestamp entire programme

Missing perspective/fact: Absence of Motoristé sobě as a guest — the third coalition party with differing positions.

Relevance: Motoristé hold differing positions on ČT, ČRo, the balanced budget and inclusion; their absence distorts the picture of the future coalition.

Impact

The coalition is presented as a monolithic bloc, even though significant programmatic differences exist between the coalition partners.

Summary: The programme systematically marginalised the programmatic priorities of the new coalition in favour of cases and personnel. The absence of Motoristé and independent experts created a structural imbalance that distorts the overall picture of the future government.

The Czech Republic is in a post-election phase in which the election winner ANO is negotiating a coalition agreement. The key dispute is whether ministers will be experts (as ANO declares) or politicians from the coalition parties (as SPD demands). In parallel, there is a dispute over the recovery of subsidies paid to Agrofert during Babiš's government, with the Supreme Administrative Court having confirmed their unlawfulness in 2024. The outgoing government refuses to submit a draft state budget to the new parliament, which ANO describes as sabotage. The topic is socially very sensitive, as it touches on the principles of the rule of law, conflict of interest and democratic accountability.



Share of covered perspectives

Inverted: original value measures coverage (higher = better). Shown as deviation (higher = larger gaps).

- [A] Programmatic priorities of the new ANO–SPD–Motoristé coalition (specific legislative plans)
- [B] Legal analysis of the recovery of Agrofert subsidies — independent legal expert
- [C] Economic analysis of the state budget — independent economist or member of the National Budget Council
- [D] Motoristé sobě's view on the staffing of ministries (the party was not present)
- [E] ODS's view as the largest opposition party on the formation of the government
- [F] Constitutional law aspects of the obligation to submit the state budget — constitutional lawyer
- [G] The view of the farming public on the possible nomination of Martin Šebestían
- [H] The view of ecologists and the scientific community on the nomination of Petr Macinka to head the Ministry of the Environment
- [I] The view of the self-employed on the planned changes to the flat-rate tax
- [J] International context of the rejection of ETS2 — impacts on relations with the EU

[A] INDICATED

Timestamp: 32:00 — Quote: "we want to start in such a way that we manage, that from 1 January we stop the growth of contributions for the self-employed" — Assessment: Programmatic priorities were mentioned, but only marginally and under pressure from the moderator; the topic of Agrofert dominated.

[B] OMITTED

Timestamp: — — Quote: — — Assessment: No independent legal expert was invited; legal argumentation was conducted only by politicians with an evident party interest.

[C] INDICATED

Timestamp: 42:43 — Quote: "member of the national budget council" (cited via recording) — Assessment: The member of the National Budget Council was cited only via a recording and was not present as a guest; his view could therefore neither be elaborated upon nor challenged.

[D] OMITTED

Timestamp: 17:53 — Quote: citation of Macinka from a recording — Assessment: Motoristé were not present as guests; their position was presented only via a recording in the context of criticism.

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Timestamp: — — Quote: — — Assessment: ODS as the largest opposition party was not represented at all.

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Timestamp: — — Quote: — — Assessment: The constitutional law aspects of the obligation to submit the budget were not analysed by an independent expert; the debate took place only between politicians.

[G] INDICATED

Timestamp: 03:31 — Quote: "The Association of Private Farmers in Agriculture spoke up, criticising Šebestían for defending the payment of controversially disbursed subsidies" — Assessment: The view of the farming public was mentioned, but only as an argument in a political debate, not through direct representation.

[H] INDICATED

Timestamp: 20:43 — Quote: "approximately 500 scientists have taken a stance against him" — Assessment: The view of the scientific community was mentioned by Hřib, but was not represented by a direct guest.

[I] INDICATED



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Timestamp: 32:11 — Quote: "stopped the growth of contributions for the self-employed" — Assessment: The topic was mentioned, but without direct representation of the self-employed or their organisations.

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Timestamp: — — Quote: — — Assessment: The international context of the rejection of ETS2 and the impacts on relations with the EU were not analysed.

Completeness score: 4/10

Reasoning: The programme covered only a fraction of the relevant perspectives. The topic of Agrofert and subsidies dominated, crowding out analysis of the programmatic priorities of the new coalition, economic analysis of the budget and the international context. Key guests were absent — a representative of Motoristé, ODS, an independent legal expert and an economist. The perspectives that were heard were conveyed primarily through politicians with a party interest, rather than through independent experts.



Soft Facts — 6 qualitative techniques

10. SETTING THE FRAME

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Finding 1:

Timestamp	05:37
Quote	<i>"according to Seznam zprávy, Martin Šebestián is a possible candidate for the post of Minister of Agriculture, who as former director of the State Agricultural Intervention Fund insisted for years that the organisation was not subject to the conflict of interest law"</i>
Manipulation	The programme was framed as an investigation into a potential minister even before his appointment; the speculation from Seznam zprávy was presented as the basis for a serious political debate.

Why this is problematic: The viewer is led to assess a person who has not been appointed and had no opportunity to comment; the "investigation" frame presupposes guilt.

Finding 2:

Timestamp	18:43
Quote	<i>"that coalition of the Eagle's Nest and the Stork's Nest, which began to take shape here on the basis of the fundamental common bond, which is, we will not extradite anyone to those criminal court proceedings"</i>
Manipulation	Hřib's characterisation of the coalition as a "non-extradition coalition" was accepted by the moderator as a legitimate frame for the debate without being challenged.

Why this is problematic: The "non-extradition coalition" frame is a political assessment by the opposition, not a neutral description; its acceptance by the moderator gives it the appearance of factuality.

Finding 3:

Timestamp	03:55
Quote	<i>"it has not yet happened that protests were held here preventively against names that even I do not know will be appointed"</i>
Manipulation	The moderator framed protests against potential ministers as "preventive" and therefore illegitimate, without considering that protests may be responding to publicly available information about candidates.

Why this is problematic: The "preventive protest" frame implicitly delegitimises civic engagement.

Summary: The programme was framed as an investigation into the future coalition through cases and personnel, rather than as an analysis of programmatic priorities. This frame structurally advantaged the opposition narrative.



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11. CHOICE OF WORDS AND TERMS

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Finding 1:

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Quote

"coalition of the Eagle's Nest and the Stork's Nest"

Manipulation

The combination "Stork's Nest" evokes Babiš's criminal case; "Eagle's Nest" is historically associated with Hitler's Nazi residence — the connotations are strongly negative.

Why this is problematic: A neutral alternative would be: "the future coalition of ANO, SPD and Motoristé"; the moderator did not challenge this naming.

Finding 2:

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Quote

"It can be said that he is a charlatan."

Manipulation

Labelling Macinka as a "charlatan" is strongly pejorative and discrediting; the moderator did not challenge this label.

Why this is problematic: A neutral alternative would be: "his positions are at odds with the scientific consensus"; the label "charlatan" implies deliberate deception.

Finding 3:

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"a counter-response to what the wide-eyed one is performing here"

Manipulation

Nacher labelled Hřib as "wide-eyed one" — a pejorative term; the moderator did not challenge this label.

Why this is problematic: A neutral alternative would be: "the colleague from the opposition"; "wide-eyed one" is an insulting label without substantive content.

Summary: The programme permitted the repeated use of strongly connotated expressions by all guests without consistent moderatorial intervention. Expressions such as "charlatan", "Stork's Nest coalition" and "wide-eyed one" lower the level of discussion and reinforce party narratives.



12. MODERATOR BEHAVIOUR

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Methodological principle (v2.2): Before each assessment, the triggering event must be documented. An intervention can only be assessed as asymmetric if comparable triggers from other guests did not produce an analogous intervention.

Finding 1:

Timestamp 21:23

Triggering event: Nacher attacks Piráti with the statement about "billions in damages at the city hall".

Quote (moderator) *interruption and redirection of the debate*

Comparison Hřib making an analogous attack on Macinka (20:54) — the moderator did not intervene.

Asymmetry: Demonstrable — the moderator intervened during Nacher's attack on Piráti, but did not intervene during Hřib's attack on Macinka.

Finding 2:

Timestamp 52:38

Triggering event: Nacher refuses to answer the question about the amendment to the fiscal responsibility law.

Quote (moderator) *"No. You will answer me, you will answer my question."*

Comparison Rajl when evading questions about the staffing of ministries (07:42) — the moderator repeated questions but the tone was less confrontational.

Asymmetry: Mild — the moderator was more confrontational towards Nacher than towards Rajl when analogously evading answers.

Finding 3:

Timestamp 09:35

Triggering event: The moderator puts the question to Výborný about "refusing to accept election results".

Quote (moderator) *"the fact that you do not want to accept the election results, when even as future opposition parties you are joining for example the criticism of Martin Šebestían"*

Comparison Hřib when analogously questioning the legitimacy of the future coalition (18:43) — the moderator did not intervene.

Asymmetry: Demonstrable — the moderator confronted Výborný with "refusing to accept election results", but did not intervene when Hřib questioned the legitimacy of the coalition as a "non-extradition coalition".



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Summary: The moderator exhibited a mild but demonstrable asymmetry — he was more confrontational towards coalition guests (Nacher) than towards opposition guests (Hřib, Výborný). Interruptions and confrontational tone were asymmetrically distributed.



13. QUESTION ASYMMETRY

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Asymmetry 1:

To Nacher, 02:02: "Question. I think not, because we will only be exchanging and working out the details" — the moderator challenged Nacher's answer and pressed for specific information on the staffing of ministries.

To Hřib, 18:33: "Mr Chairman Hřib, the question is for you then. Should you not wait until the list is on the table and only then write to Prague Castle?" — the question is softer, offering Hřib space to defend his own course of action.

Comparison

Nacher was confronted with specific names and facts; Hřib received a question that allowed him to develop his own narrative.

Asymmetry 2:

To Rajl, 07:42: "So you do not consider it the case that the posts for SPD would be filled by experts. As Andrej Babiš and Tomio Okamura claim, that is for you as chairman of proto not definitive" — a leading question that attributes to Rajl a position he did not explicitly take.

To Výborný, 09:35: "the fact that you do not want to accept the election results" — analogously leading, but Výborný had the space to reject this characterisation and the moderator did not develop it further.

Comparison

Leading questions were put to both sides, but Rajl was confronted with internal coalition disputes that he could not comment on without knowledge of the results of the negotiations.

Summary: Questions put to coalition guests (Nacher, Rajl) were focused on specific personnel and cases, while questions to opposition guests (Hřib, Výborný) allowed them to develop their own narrative. The asymmetry is mild but demonstrable.



14. FALSE BALANCE									3/10
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Finding 1:	
Timestamp	25:33 — Construct: The moderator summarised the coalition's programmatic common ground (cheaper energy, rejection of ETS2, capping the retirement age) and programmatic conflicts (ETS2, budget, ČT).
Analysis	The moderator presented programmatic common ground and conflicts as equivalent, although the programme devoted significantly more space to programmatic conflicts than to common ground. The false balance lies in the fact that a brief overview of the programme was presented as balancing an hour of debate about Agrofert.

Summary: False balance occurs in the programme to a limited extent — the moderator attempted a substantive overview of programmatic priorities, but this overview was too brief to genuinely balance the dominance of the Agrofert topic.



15. SETTING THE AGENDA

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Finding 1:

Agenda element set: Agrofert and subsidies are the primary criterion for assessing the future government.

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05:37 — Evidence: The programme was opened with the topic of Agrofert and approximately the first half of the programme was devoted to this topic.

Alternative agenda: Programmatic priorities of the new coalition, economic analysis of the state budget, international context of the rejection of ETS2.

Finding 2:

Agenda element set: Protests and petitions against potential ministers are a legitimate political tool that the coalition must take into account.

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03:46 — Evidence: "Should this be taken into account? those protests by the civic public, ecologists, the association of private farming on the composition of the government, or will you not pay any attention to it?"

Alternative agenda: Election results as the primary legitimisation mechanism; the question of whether protests before the appointment of ministers are democratically legitimate.

Summary: The programme set the agenda so that cases and personnel dominated over programmatic priorities. This agenda-setting structurally advantaged the opposition narrative and disadvantaged the new coalition, which had not yet had the opportunity to present its own programme.



CHAPTER 4 — OVERALL EVALUATION

Overview of individual scores

No.	Criterion	Type	Score	Key finding (1 sentence)
1	Selection of experts	T	7	No truly independent expert was invited; all guests are political actors with an evident party interest.
2	Selection of sources	T	6	The programme worked primarily with media speculation and party press releases as primary sources.
3	Time allocation	T	6	Rajl as the SPD representative had significantly less space (9%) than the other guests; Nacher's time was largely spent on defensive responses.
4	Omissions	T	7	The programmatic priorities of the new coalition and the absence of Motoristé as a guest created a structural imbalance.
5	Manipulation of numbers	T	5	Figures were repeatedly presented without proportions, trends and historical comparisons.
6	Guilt by association	T	7	The programme permitted the association of the entire coalition with criminal cases and of Macinka with charlatanism without moderatorial intervention.
7	Timing	T	5	The topic of Agrofert dominated from the beginning of the programme; programmatic priorities were pushed into the second half.
8	Selective outrage	T	5	Mild but demonstrable asymmetry in moderatorial interventions in favour of opposition guests.
9	Completeness	T	7	Systematic marginalisation of programmatic priorities and absence of key guests (Motoristé, independent experts).
10	Framing	M	7	The programme was framed as an investigation into the future coalition, not as an analysis of programmatic priorities.
11	Choice of words	M	6	Repeated use of strongly connotated expressions without moderatorial intervention.
12	Presenter behaviour	M	6	Mild but demonstrable asymmetry — more confrontational approach towards coalition guests.
13	Question asymmetry	M	6	Questions to coalition guests focused on cases; questions to opposition guests allowed them to develop their own narrative.
14	False balance	M	3	False balance occurs to a limited extent; a brief programme overview does not balance an hour of debate about Agrofert.
15	Agenda-setting	M	7	Cases and personnel dominated over programmatic priorities; agenda-setting structurally advantaged the opposition.

Results



- HARD FACTS SCORE (average of criteria 1–9): 6.1 / 10
- SOFT FACTS SCORE (average of criteria 10–15): 5.8 / 10

Dominant techniques

1. Agenda-setting (score 7): The programme was structured so that the topic of Agrofert and subsidies dominated from the first minutes; the programmatic priorities of the new coalition were systematically marginalised. This agenda-setting structurally advantaged the opposition narrative and made it impossible for coalition guests to present their own programme.

2. Framing (score 7): The programme was framed as an investigation into the future coalition through cases and personnel; Hřib's characterisation of the coalition as a "non-extradition coalition" was accepted by the moderator as a legitimate frame without being challenged. This frame anticipated conclusions that were not supported by evidence.

3. Selection of experts (score 7): The absence of truly independent experts — lawyers, economists, scientists — meant that all debate took place between political actors with an evident party interest. The citation of a National Budget Council member from a recording is an inadequate substitute for direct expert presence.

Key messages of the programme

****MESSAGE 1 (CONTENT):** ** "The future ANO–SPD–Motoristé coalition is primarily motivated by protecting its chairmen from the courts, not by a substantive programme."

Technique: Framing, agenda-setting — Evidence: 18:43, 05:37

****MESSAGE 2 (PERSONAL):** ** "Potential minister Martin Šebestián is a person who knowingly enabled unlawful subsidies to Agrofert."

Technique: Guilt by association, timing — Evidence: 05:37, 12:39

****MESSAGE 3 (SOCIETAL):** ** "The outgoing government (especially Piráti and KDU–ČSL) acted in accordance with the law, while the new coalition intends to reverse this approach."

Technique: Selective omission, question asymmetry — Evidence: 13:03, 09:35

Classification of the degree of manipulation

Reasoning: The programme achieved an overall score of 6.0/10, corresponding to the category "clear one-sidedness". The dominant topics (Agrofert, subsidies, personnel) were selected in a manner that structurally advantaged the opposition narrative. The absence of independent experts and key guests (Motoristé) violates the requirement of §2(2)(a) of the ČT Act for comprehensive information. The asymmetry in moderator behaviour and choice of questions violates the requirement of §31(2) of Act No. 231/2001 Coll. on objectivity and balance. The programme did not fulfil the requirement of §31(3) for balanced representation of opposing views on politically controversial topics.

CONCLUSION

The programme Otázky Václava Moravce from October 2024 exhibits clear one-sidedness (score 6.0/10), which lies primarily in agenda-setting, framing and the selection of guests. The dominance of the topic of Agrofert and subsidies in the first half of the programme structurally disadvantaged coalition guests (ANO, SPD) and made it impossible for them to present their own programmatic priorities. The absence of Motoristé sobě as a guest and the absence of independent experts violates the requirement of §2(2)(a) of Act No. 483/1991 Coll. for comprehensive information enabling the free formation of opinions. The asymmetry in moderator behaviour — a more confrontational approach towards coalition guests, tolerance of attacking statements by opposition guests — violates the requirement of §31(2) of Act No. 231/2001 Coll. on objectivity and balance. The programme did not fulfil the statutory requirement for balanced representation of opposing views on politically controversial topics pursuant to §31(3) of the same act. The identified shortcomings are systemic in nature and cannot be attributed to chance or technical limitations of the programme.



OVERALL EVALUATION OF THE 15 CRITERIA

Individual Scores — All 15 Criteria

No.	Criterion	Score	Rating
1	SELECTION OF EXPERTS	7/10	<i>Pronounced imbalance</i>
2	SELECTION OF SOURCES	6/10	<i>Significant imbalance</i>
3	TIME ALLOCATION	6/10	<i>Significant imbalance</i>
4	SELECTIVE OMISSION	7/10	<i>Pronounced imbalance</i>
5	MANIPULATION OF NUMBERS	5/10	<i>Significant imbalance</i>
6	GUILT BY ASSOCIATION	7/10	<i>Pronounced imbalance</i>
7	TIMING	5/10	<i>Significant imbalance</i>
8	SELECTIVE OUTRAGE	5/10	<i>Significant imbalance</i>
9	SELECTIVE OMISSION — OVERALL PICTURE	7/10	<i>Pronounced imbalance</i>
10	SETTING THE FRAME	7/10	<i>Pronounced imbalance</i>
11	CHOICE OF WORDS AND TERMS	6/10	<i>Significant imbalance</i>
12	MODERATOR BEHAVIOUR	6/10	<i>Significant imbalance</i>
13	QUESTION ASYMMETRY	6/10	<i>Significant imbalance</i>
14	FALSE BALANCE	3/10	<i>Slight imbalance</i>
15	SETTING THE AGENDA	7/10	<i>Pronounced imbalance</i>

HARD FACTS SCORE (1-8)

6.1/10

Serious deviation from the impartiality standard. High degree of deviation

SOFT FACTS SCORE (9-14)

5.8/10

Significant imbalance

OVERALL SCORE

6.0/10

Significant imbalance

Average of Hardfacts and Softfacts



KEY — Score Definitions

Individual Scores per Criterion (0–10)

0	No finding	No relevant anomaly detected.
1–2	Weak finding	Minor anomaly without substantial impact on balance.
3–4	Slight to moderate finding	Recognizable tendency; low to moderate impact relevance.
5	Moderate finding with impact	Relevant imbalance affecting the audience's opinion-forming potential.
6	Significant finding (threshold)	Scores of 6 and above are classified as 'significant findings.'
7	Significant finding	Clear, well-documented imbalance with distinct impact relevance.
8–9	Severe finding	Pronounced imbalance; multiple documented individual findings in this criterion.
10	Maximum severity	Systematic, pervasive imbalance in this criterion.

Aggregated Deviation Index — Interpretation Ranges

0.0 – 2.5	Unremarkable	No significant patterns detected; broadcast meets the impartiality standard.
2.6 – 4.0	Slight imbalance	Isolated anomalies; statistically visible but within tolerance range.
4.1 – 6.0	Significant imbalance	Multiple significant findings; relevant impairment of perspective diversity.
6.1 – 8.0	Serious deviation from the impartiality standard. High degree of deviation	Pronounced, cross-broadcast patterns; high impact relevance.
8.1 – 10	Fundamental systemic one-sidedness. Very high bias degree	Maximum severity across nearly all criteria; systematically one-sided reporting.

Party-Political Bias (-5 to +5)

-5 to -3	Strongly disadvantaged	Party is significantly underrepresented in framing, airtime, or presentation.
-2 to -1	Slightly disadvantaged	Recognizable but minor disadvantage.
0	Neutral	No detectable favoritism or disadvantage.
+1 to +2	Slightly favored	Recognizable but minor favoritism.
+3 to +5	Strongly favored	Party is significantly overrepresented in framing, airtime, or presentation.



CHAPTER 5 — LEGAL CLASSIFICATION (§2 of the ČT Act / §31 of Act No. 231/2001)

Assessment under §2 of the ČT Act / §31 of Act No. 231/2001

Violation 1:

Standard: §2(2)(a) of Act No. 483/1991 Coll. (objective, verified, balanced and comprehensive information)

Facts: The programme was opened and dominantly structured around the topic of Agrofert and subsidies on the basis of speculation from Seznam zprávy about the staffing of ministries, without this information being verified; the programmatic priorities of the new coalition were systematically marginalised.

Evidence: Timestamp 05:37 — Quote: "according to Seznam zprávy, Martin Šebestián is a possible candidate for the post of Minister of Agriculture"

Assessment: The use of unverified media speculation as the basis for the dominant topic of the programme violates the requirement for verified information; the systematic marginalisation of programmatic priorities violates the requirement for comprehensive information.

Violation 2:

Standard: §31(2) of Act No. 231/2001 Coll. (objectivity and balance of information content)

Facts: The moderator exhibited a demonstrable asymmetry in his approach to guests — a more confrontational approach towards coalition guests (Nacher, Rajl) and a more tolerant approach towards opposition guests (Hřib, Výborný); attacking statements by opposition guests (labelling Macinka a "charlatan", characterising the coalition as a "non-extradition coalition") were not challenged by the moderator.

Evidence: Timestamp 20:54 — Quote: "It can be said that he is a charlatan." (without moderatorial intervention); timestamp 21:23 — the moderator intervened during Nacher's analogous statement.

Assessment: The asymmetry in moderator behaviour violates the requirement for objectivity and balance of information content.

Violation 3:

Standard: §31(3) of Act No. 231/2001 Coll. (balanced representation of opposing views on politically controversial topics)

Facts: Motoristé sobě as the third coalition party were not represented as guests; ODS as the largest opposition party was not represented; no independent expert (lawyer, economist) was invited; Rajl as the SPD representative had significantly less space (approximately 9%) than the other guests.

Evidence: Timestamp 17:53 — Macinka cited only from a recording; entire programme — absence of ODS and independent experts.

Assessment: The absence of key actors and independent experts violates the requirement for balanced representation of opposing views.

Overall assessment under §2 of the ČT Act / §31 of Act No. 231/2001

The programme Otázky Václava Moravce from October 2024 exhibits three demonstrable violations of the statutory requirements for objectivity, balance and comprehensiveness. The most serious violation is the absence of key actors (Motoristé, ODS, independent experts) and the systematic marginalisation of the programmatic priorities of the new coalition, which violates §31(3) of Act No. 231/2001 Coll. The asymmetry in moderator behaviour and the tolerance of attacking statements by opposition guests without analogous tolerance towards coalition guests violates §31(2) of the same act. The use of unverified media speculation as the basis for the dominant topic of the programme violates §2(2)(a) of Act No. 483/1991 Coll. The identified violations are systemic in nature and give rise to reasonable grounds for suspecting a breach of the statutory mandate of Czech Television as a public service broadcaster.

IN-DEPTH SOURCE CHECK



Source 1: Seznam zprávy

- 1. FUNDING:** Private media owned by the Seznam.cz group; commercial interest in viewership and exclusive information.
- 2. MANDATE:** Commercial news reporting; not compatible with the role of a neutral source for a public service broadcaster when speculating about the staffing of the government.
- 3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Seznam zprávy is a direct competitor of ČT in the field of news reporting; their citation as a primary source is problematic.
- 4. CREDIBILITY MATRIX:**
 - D1 Conflict of interest: -1 — commercial interest in exclusivity
 - D2 Personal risk: +1 — reputational risk in the case of inaccurate reporting
 - D3 Professional competence: +1 — experienced editorial team
 - D4 Consistency: 0 — cannot be assessed
 - D5 Emotionalisation vs. data: 0 — combination
 - D6 Source level: -1 — secondary (reporting on coalition negotiations)
 - TOTAL: 0 → TRAFFIC LIGHT: YELLOW**
- 5. COUNTERVOICE:** Confirmation from coalition parties is missing; the information was presented as the basis for debate without verification.

Source 2: Piráti press release

- 1. FUNDING:** Political party funded from public funds and membership fees.
- 2. MANDATE:** Political document; not compatible with the role of a neutral expert source.
- 3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Piráti is an opposition party with a direct interest in discrediting a potential minister from a coalition party.
- 4. CREDIBILITY MATRIX:**
 - D1 Conflict of interest: -2 — direct political interest
 - D2 Personal risk: +1 — reputational risk in the case of inaccurate claims
 - D3 Professional competence: 0 — political party without specialisation in subsidy law
 - D4 Consistency: +1 — consistent with the Piráti agenda
 - D5 Emotionalisation vs. data: -1 — strongly evaluative language
 - D6 Source level: -2 — tertiary (political interpretation of legal decisions)
 - TOTAL: -3 → TRAFFIC LIGHT: YELLOW**
- 5. COUNTERVOICE:** An independent legal assessment of the claims contained in the press release is missing.

Source 3: National Budget Council (from a recording)

- 1. FUNDING:** Independent advisory body funded from the state budget; institutional independence enshrined in law.
- 2. MANDATE:** Independent assessment of fiscal policy; compatible with the role of a neutral expert source.
- 3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Minimal — the council has no direct interest in the outcome of the political debate.
- 4. CREDIBILITY MATRIX:**
 - D1 Conflict of interest: +2 — institutional independence
 - D2 Personal risk: +1 — reputational risk in the case of inaccurate assessments
 - D3 Professional competence: +2 — specialisation in fiscal policy
 - D4 Consistency: +1 — consistent with previous assessments
 - D5 Emotionalisation vs. data: +2 — data-supported assessment
 - D6 Source level: +2 — primary (own analysis)
 - TOTAL: +10 → TRAFFIC LIGHT: GREEN**
- 5. COUNTERVOICE:** Missing — the council is the most credible source in the programme, but was cited only from a recording without the possibility of follow-up questions.

IMPORTANT: "Recognised" is not a substantive qualification. It is a social attribution that must itself be examined. The National Budget Council is a recognised institution on the basis of its statutory mandate and professional competence — this recognition is substantively grounded. By contrast, the Piráti press release is a political document, not a professional analysis, regardless of how it is presented in the media.

Legal and Methodological Notes



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No factual determination

The results presented do not constitute factual determinations about individual persons, editorial teams, or broadcasts. They are the product of a standardized operationalization, not a finding of individual responsibility.

No legal judgment

The aggregated deviation index does not replace a legal assessment under Zákon o ČT / Zákon č. 231/2001. The determination of whether a specific broadcast violates legal requirements is exclusively the responsibility of the competent authorities (in particular RRTV).

No proof of causation

Statistical correlations are not to be interpreted as proof of causal relationships or editorial intent. Deviation values may be influenced by topic selection, news environment, political controversy, or format logic.

No judgment of intent

The analysis measures observable structural characteristics of broadcasts. A score of 7 means a significant imbalance was detected — not that the editorial team intended it. The methodology makes no claims about motives or strategic objectives.

Heuristic comparison tool

The index serves comparative pattern recognition across thousands of broadcasts, not precise metric measurement of individual segments. Threshold values serve heuristic orientation, not sharp legal qualification.



APPENDIX 1: NATIONAL BROADCASTING LAW

Legal Framework

Czech public television is governed by the Czech Television Act (Zákon o České televizi, č. 483/1991 Sb.) and the Broadcasting Act (Zákon o provozování rozhlasového a televizního vysílání, č. 231/2001 Sb.). These laws mandate that Česká televize provides objective, verified, balanced and comprehensive information for the free formation of opinions. The Broadcasting Act further requires all broadcasters to ensure objectivity and balance in news programming and to clearly separate factual reporting from evaluative commentary.

Key Provisions

- §2 odst. 2 písm. a) Zákona o ČT: "poskytování objektivních, ověřených, ve svém celku vyvážených a všestranných informací pro svobodné vytváření názorů" — Provision of objective, verified, balanced and comprehensive information for free opinion formation.
- §31 odst. 2 Zákona č. 231/2001 Sb.: Broadcasters must ensure objectivity and balance of information content; evaluative commentary must be clearly separated from factual reporting.
- §31 odst. 3: In programmes dealing with political or economic controversies, the broadcaster must ensure balanced representation of competing views.
- §31 odst. 4: The right of reply must be granted to persons or groups whose reputation or rights may have been affected.
- §2 odst. 2 písm. b) Zákona o ČT: ČT must create and broadcast programmes for all population groups, including minorities and disadvantaged groups.

Regulatory Body

Rada pro rozhlasové a televizní vysílání (RRTV) — Council for Radio and Television Broadcasting. 13 members appointed by the Prime Minister on nomination from the Chamber of Deputies. Complaints can be filed via data box, e-mail (info@rrtv.cz), or in person. Response window: 30 days. Limitation period: 3 years.



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