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Millionaires and the public in Czech politics

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ABSTRACT

This article relies on a unique survey of Czech millionaires and the general public to probe the nature and extent of the differences in opinions between these two groups

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Notes

1. Studies of Europe with similar results include Peters and Ensink ([2015](#)) and Giger, Rosset, and Bernauer ([2012](#)). But see Bartels ([2016](#)) for a case of responsiveness to the less well-off.
2. The communist regime did have elites, but space for the accumulation of capital was very limited. On the privileges of the elite and the so-called “new class” under communism, see Szelenyi ([1978](#)).
3. Several of the surveys also included Slovak millionaires, though there were fewer (50–70 versus 150–200 Czech millionaires), and sometimes the parallel survey of the Slovak public is lacking. For these reasons, we did not consider them here. Overall, opinion differences between Slovak millionaires and the public were of a similar magnitude to the Czech Republic.
4. Data are available at Roberts ([2018](#)).
5. The survey also asked about support for direct democracy and creating a long-term development plan for the country, which did not fit in these categories. The public was considerably more supportive than millionaires of direct democracy and the development plan.
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8. Giger, Rosset, and Bernauer (2012) of the issues of the public and millionaires.
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