

## HAVEL IN AMERICA

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Václav Havel 

There are Václav Havel's interviews with a lot of famous Americans in the book, for example with Madeleine Albright, Bill Clinton, Henry Kissinger or George W. Bush.

Madeleine Albright says: "Havel was modest<sup>4</sup>, honest<sup>5</sup> and generous<sup>6</sup>. That's why he was popular among politicians."

Bill Clinton, former<sup>7</sup> American President, says: "Havel is a **real friend**. He likes jazz and rock-and-roll. Even people **in the street** believe him, which is **very important**."

Another politician, Henry Kissinger, says this: "We need leaders<sup>8</sup> like Havel, but we don't have them anymore. Societies<sup>9</sup> need dreams."

Suzanne Vega says: "Havel had a funny habit. He drew lines on tablecloths<sup>10</sup> with a fork. I don't know why. Maybe because he liked order."

### Vocabulary:

<sup>1</sup>novinář | <sup>2</sup>historik | <sup>3</sup>zpravodaj | <sup>4</sup>skromný | <sup>5</sup>poctivý | <sup>6</sup>velkorysý | <sup>7</sup>bývalý | <sup>8</sup>vůdce | <sup>9</sup>společnost | <sup>10</sup>ubrus

**Language notes:** was=byl, byla (min.čas j.č.) | Czech Radio=Český rozhlas | real friend=skutečný přítel | in the street=na ulici | extremely important=nesmírně důležitý

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