Can be good connections between business and politics?

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Abstract: The present text deals with the influence of politics on the allocation of social resources and the role of economic and political elites in this process. It discusses the problem of businesspersons in politics and the possibilities of using the ability of entrepreneurs to allocate public resources. On the example of public service in ancient Athens (Λ ειτουργία) shows that in a specific institutional framework might be such entrepreneur's involvement in public affairs beneficial to all society.

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