

## Politicians' motivation

Politicians are motivated to work in a certain direction due to the [motivational structures](#) that are in place. If we want politicians to do the work of carrying out certain policies, we need to set up the right motivational structures for them.

Taxing harmful activities is such a general broad policy that we believe should be applied to all of society, including politicians, since they are the key factor if a society is a welfare society, and if a society has a strong enough market economy to do all the needed and wanted work, directly (pay for in-house services/goods) or indirectly (export valuable services and goods and then for the money import needed or wanted services/goods).

In fact the most important motivational structure for the politicians is to tax them according to what harm they do to society. They get a hefty paycheck, but they also get a hefty tax rate according to how much harm they have caused; this harm is to be decided in public polls.

Remember that political power is the top power, money power comes second. This is because, in theory politics can forbid money, but money cannot forbid politics. However in reality, in a weak political arena, money has more power than in a strong political arena. The fact that politics is the top predator of power, makes political positions exciting, and this may be the very top motivation for politicians.

It could very well be that for some politicians, a well-meaning, good natured surface is a means to power. But usually political battles is all about ad hominem, and rhetorically bad talking opponents political agenda and results, usually with more or less warped statistics or generalizations (commonly through associations, the tool of straw-man argument and shifting goal posts as suited adaptations - the über generalization that all politicians want people to remember is "They are wrong! We are right!") or wild rare but emotionally loaded examples, since its a proven profitable strategy.