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Interview with a Corporate Vampire

Rights and Wrongs was granted an interview with the savvy corporate bloodsucker, T. Rex Price, Inc. I asked him a few questions about the value of investing in elected officials.

R&W: Tell us, why do you consider politicians to be sound investments in today's market?

TRP: Politicians are always thirsty for money. Money is the blood in the veins of political campaigns. And it is our blood in their veins. From the smallest city council race to the president, we are the blood supply. For corporate vampires looking to get their fangs into candidates, the risks are low and the potential dividends are astronomical. And with recent Supreme Court rulings, it's easier than ever to invest in politicians at all levels.

R&W: I understand you don't suck their blood, you feed them yours?

TRP: The goal of building a portfolio of politicians is to create strong and effective minions. At the beginning, like any investment, the small enterprise needs to grow. Corporate immortals have the time and money to feed a young politician, fatten them up until they become leaders in government. This patience will be rewarded with big returns. It only takes a taste of our powerful blood donations—even the strongest feel our influence. Some deny that it will change them, but it always does. They become

addicted to the infusions. They need more and more. Through our blood/money we become their masters and they do our bidding like zombies.

R&W: Why are you so bullish on Congressmen right now, T. Rex?

TRP: The illusion still prevails that Congress makes the laws. Since corporate blood suckers and corporations live forever, there is nothing we can do with our money that pays higher dividends for the long term—get it, long term. And there is no smarter safeguard for our future than investing in the right Congressperson sitting on the right committee. Of course, we want a diversified portfolio: some seasoned veteran deal makers with a solid track record, a few idealistic, fresh-faced idealists we can pick up at a bargain, and a spread across both parties as a hedge.

R&W: In campaign investing, what are the fundamentals?

TRP: Start with fundamentalists, get it, but seriously, it is true believers who are most easily bought. Look for newcomers running on social issues. They are natural followers and make the best minions, and are often the thirstiest—less squeamish about slipping in environmental or financial deregulation language since it's not their key issue. I recommend starting with a few of those in either party. And it's more affordable than you might think. You would be amazed how a few thousand dollars in campaign contributions can get a word or two into a bill that can make us and our fellow investors billions.

R&W: What are some of the best financial products available for political investors?

TRP: A good way to start is with political mutual funds, also called PACs. Investing in a political party or issue-specific committee allows us to invest in a bundle of politicians who are willing to further our cause. Another way to go is the options and futures market, by pledging money to a candidate to be paid out in the future, dangling the carrot, until they fulfill a goal or vote a certain way. There are candidate fundraising dinners, where pressing the flesh helps us dazzle their minds. And the old-fashioned direct contribution can't be beat, especially when it's large enough to buy controlling interest in the politician. In the future, as laws continue to devolve, we will announce exciting new derivatives that will tempt the fangs of even the most sophisticated corporate bloodsucking investor.

R&W: Thank you T. Rex Price, Inc for passing on these juicy tidbits.

TRP: America has the best politicians money can buy, and it's a buyers market. We can sink our teeth into them.

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