

Interests

[W]hen the interest motive is admitted into politics the real danger does not reside in any moral depravity consequent on the pursuit of so-called materialistic ends; man's history has not been a pretty record when he has fought for "ideal" ends.

The real danger comes when politics is reduced to nothing but the pursuit of interests, when no controlling standards of obligation are recognized.

Sheldon Wolin, *Politics and Vision*