



# This Is What Businessman Rule Looks Like

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President Trump is doing something many of his supporters said they wanted him to do: act not like a normal politician but like a businessman, *for Americans*, as if we were stockholders in a for-profit company.

Bring in the dough. Efficiently.

“Saudi Crown Prince Pledges \$1 Trillion Investment in US During Meeting with Trump,” an article at *The Epoch Times* [tells us](#). The Saudi potentate is boosting, the story runs, an “investment partnership with the United States from \$600 billion,” and the prince in question, Mohammed bin Salman — his reputation previously sullied by the part

he played in the [gruesome assassination of a journalist](#) — explains that the “investments will focus on what he described as ‘real opportunities’ in areas such as artificial intelligence and magnets.”

The article notes that the “Saudi Foreign Ministry [said](#) in a Nov. 17 post on X that the crown prince, widely known as MBS, would meet Trump ‘to discuss bilateral relations, ways to strengthen them across various fields, and issues of mutual interest.’”

Now, that latter discussion of diplomatic issues appears normal. That is, what we expect two heads of state to do when conferring.

But all this talk of extra investment? Micromanaging foreign investment within the United States?

That’s never been the recipe for republican governance and can so easily and quickly devolve into plutocratic socialism-for-the-rich. There’s no shouting “limited government” about what Trump boasts of regarding “the deals” he makes for the U.S.

For “us.”

But it does fit what many had hoped he would be: a businessman taking charge of the corporation that is the unitary “United States.” A fix-it man for the federal Leviathan.

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.