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- close connections to ministry of finance: important tax payer, "helper" to save budget, common interest to combat smuggling (TI: raise legal sales, control legal+black market)
 price of cigarettes included in basket of representative goods and services measuring inflation
- close connections to ministry of **economy**, chamber of commerce, etc., liberal, national and conservative parties supporting free trade (WTO stronger than WHO)
- sponsoring of political parties (election campaigns), business for marketing & advertising
- approaching **smoking leaders** of political parties, unions, etc., offering help (smoking rooms,...
- $\bullet \ \text{sponsoring of } \textbf{media}, \text{events, journalists, and pressure groups (effect on politicians)} \\$
- \bullet control of distribution system for newspapers via tobacco shops
- hiring handicapped as tobacconists (reversal of victim offender relationship)
- make the hospitality industry to speaker of the tobacco industry

Main obstacles against tobacco control

Tobacco industry & trade: **corruption** of politicians and media manipulation of public opinion with help of addicts Reactionary policy, intimidation (lobbies) and neglect Resignation of experts!



