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Table S1. Fixed-effects panel regression results predicting log assets with an interaction between time and connectedness

	Estimate
Time	1.30***
	(0.05) 0.44***
Connection	0.44***
	(0.12)
Time \times Connection	-0.04
	(0.15)
Observations	3,501
Groups	997

Note. Standard errors in parentheses. p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001

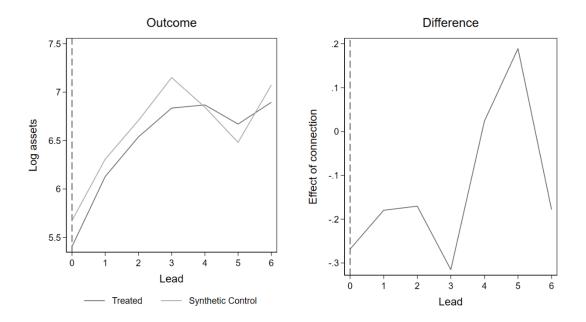


Figure S1. Results of synthetic control analysis *Note*. Effect of connection not significant on the 95% confidence level in all time points.

Table S2. Full logistic regression results predicting having a political connection

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Note. Standard errors in parentheses. p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001

Table S3. Results of additional panel logistic regressions

	Model 1	Model 2
Time trend	-1.93**	-2.56***
	(0.59)	(0.75)
Connection previous year	8.89***	9.33***
	(0.89)	(1.02)
Log fortune	1.37	2.32
	(1.31)	(1.25)
Industry	included	included
N observations	2,790	3,501
N individuals	771	997

Note. Model 1 includes only the first 400 observations for each year. Model 2 introduces indicator variables for years 2003, 2005, and 2008. Standard errors in parentheses. $^*p < 0.05, ^{**}p < 0.01, ^{***}p < 0.001$

Table S4. Year indicator variables' effects on propensity to have a political connection

	Estimate
Year $(2003 = ref.)$	
2004	0.01
	(0.52)
2005	-0.12
	(0.48)
2006	-1.00^{*}
	(0.47)
2007	-1.30^{*}
	(0.63)
2008	-0.65
	(0.65)
2009	-1.99**
	(0.69)
2010	-2.14^{**}
	(0.67)
Connection previous year	9.32***
	(1.01)
Log fortune	2.42
-	(1.31)
Industry fixed effects	included
N observations	3,501
N individuals	997

Note. Standard errors in parentheses. * p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001

Table S5. Interactive effect of time and assets on having a political connection

	Estimate
Time trend	-1.97***
	(0.58)
Log fortune	3.30^{*}
	(1.67)
Fortune \times Time	-3.92
	(3.10)
Connection previous year	9.29***
	(0.96)
Industry fixed effects	included
N observations	3,501
N individuals	997

Note. Standard errors in parentheses. p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001