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'ot all politicians are Sisyphus: what Roman Epicureans were taught about politics

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it comes to political involvement, some of our most impo
on early Epicureanism frame the question in terms rig
ed by their Stoic rivals: 'Will the sage engage in politics?'
nd Chrysippus apparently both discussed this question in
the title *On Modes of Life* (Περὶ βίων). Of Epicurus' wo
ing, we have only a few fragments, but they do show that
ans in politics?' But if the question were really as simple
nal wording makes it seem, then answer would appear to
cation for some, especially for converts to oligarchic aristo
ou someone like Cassius, the tyrannicide, to do once he cann

Well researched presentation of the argument that Epicurean philosophy can embrace, in proper circumstances, prudent participation in political affairs. I think this document is likely to become one of our key references on "engagement with society."

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