Organizational Complexity and Centralization of Power

Introduction

Our conceptualization and procedures for coding of parties' organizational complexity (or "degree of organization") and centralization of power are adopted completely from Kenneth Janda's original **ICPP Project**, and hence we allow the relevant pages from Political Parties: A Cross-National Survey (1980: Chapters 9 and 10) to speak for us here. Those pages are copied in their entirety, minus only discussions and tables related to "coding results" (which applied only to the original ICPP data), and follow immediately after this page. Found there are discussions of our definitions and each of the indicators of the concepts, along with the coding schemes that were applied again for the **Party Change Project**.

Most of the data for these two clusters of variables were produced by Kenneth Janda's coders at Northwestern University, with the exceptions of most of the Danish data – which were coded at the University of Copenhagen by Lars Bille and Robert Harmel – and many of the American data, which were coded at Texas A&M University by Everita Silina.