



# DEVELOP A MECHANISM OF DECISION OF POLITICAL PARTY

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## ABSTRACT

This article focuses on the current process of the political party's policy-making process with systematic point of view to see the whole picture of its. The study frame embraces policy, decision, and its differences on policy and decision-making process. Comparing to the historical process of political party's decision-making process changed significantly related to expansion of democracy, political freedom, culture, choice of citizens has changed, and greatest advances in information technology. Today, traditional forms of political party have passed away, and trend called "catch-all party" is gradually becoming active. Finally, it is clear that the process of improving party decision-making is a complex task for a long time. The courage and determination of influential party politicians is crucial to improve the party decision making process. If there is no such interest or courage, they will not be able to do any such initiative or work.

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## INTRODUCTION

In modern times, it is hard to respond and give an answer on the existence or the non-existence of political parties. The endless debate is going on between politicians and there is no united solution. Paul Hilder, a writer from USA, wrote in his book “Is the party over? Will political parties stagger on in name alone? Or can they be renewed – and if so, how?” (Hilder)

It can be said that there are two major opposing attitudes: parties are in a state of degradation and that the end of their era is coming; or, that the parties are facing a new complex moment of revival. The answer can be given on some level as regards to relation between two major opposing attitudes on more realistic in psychology and consciousness.

It is an unacceptable concept that “political parties should be dumped into historical junk due to they are losing their burden and role in society, and they should be replaced by a new civil structure”. In modern times, political parties are important institutions for decision making of democratic government. In reality, the influence and role of political parties are increasing in decision making. Political parties are facing many challenges and their responsibility is increasing as their role in the society is increasing. We need to resolve the two major problems that environment to exist political parties’ needs to be changed and change a political party as a single institutional level. Therefore, it is crucial to seek appropriate mechanisms to improve political parties’ decision-making capabilities in order to make them relevant institution in policy and decision making.

### I. ATTITUDES AND CHANGES OF MODERN POLITICAL PARTIES

Prior to entering into a specific topic, it is desirable to emphasize a few characteristics in terms of attitudes and changes observed in modern political parties. It is limited to solve an issue with regard to political party effectively without concerning general attitudes and changes of modern political parties. It is natural that reforms of political parties and political reforms are closely interrelated. From the mid- twentieth century, political parties, which are the foundation of modern democracy, have significantly changed. This is related to many factors. It may be said that political party is changed on expansion of democracy, political freedom, culture, choice of citizens has changed, and greatest advances in information technology.

It is interesting to note that where political parties are seeking around the world? The general answer as “Political party changed dramatically” can be given. However, it is necessary to clarify nature of the change and its reason. It should be noted that a number of trends are observed in current political parties. This can be relieved in two basic level, general and special. At the general level, political parties are determined that they are unable to exist in traditional ways and methods. They face many problems which are never faced before. If they fail to solve those problems, political parties may be wiped out with liberal democracy.

One of the major problems of modern political parties is “to eliminate a dirty political environment from party”. It is impossible for political party to complete their vision without solving this issue. The poor environment of forming political parties has a negative impact on social democracy and political parties. From here, it may be indicated that political parties face a new challenge which requires political parties to be reformed and formulated in new environment, which is the most common trend for change in political parties in all around the world.

What is the current trend of changes in modern political parties at their level? Being a realistic and well-informed is an essential part in renewing political party. It is an interesting to note that Paul Hilder wrote in his book “... had a basic knowledge in hidden view of political parties. But now, they need to be understood their full potential in source and methods.”

It is a realistic attitude in significant changes in the environment of political parties. In modern times, political parties tend to prefer pragmatic values of ideas, policies, and operations rather than consistently protecting the solid state of political ideology. In this regard, there has been changes in the attitude of political parties.

Today, traditional forms of political party have passed away, and trend called “catch-all party” is gradually becoming active.<sup>1</sup> According to Otto Kirhheimer, the main ideology of political party is to get rid of from old ideology of political party, to be supported from whole society (not only specific group of society), to be weaken role of supporters and members of political party, and increase role of political party leader.<sup>2</sup> These types of political parties can found in democratic countries like Western Europe, including Austria, Denmark, Germany, Finland, Norway, and Sweden. However, existence of such types of political parties in Western

1 The idea of “catch-all party” was raised by the American researcher Otto Krymminer in 1966.

2 Otto Kirhheimer. The transformation of the Western European Party Systems, Joseph La Polombara and Myron Weiner (eds.), Political Parties and political Development. (Princeton: Princeton University Press), 1966.

Europe is not mean that form of traditional party has ceased to exist. It may say that both traditional forms and new form of political parties are existing in parallel.

Changes in the traditional forms of the parties have resulted in a dominant form of catch-all party forms, which developed a trend “cartel party forms”. Political analysts started to call it “cartel” party form without accident.<sup>3</sup> Political parties started and trends to form cartel party in order co-operate with each other and become a close with government. Today, political power is decreased to be vested in sole political party. Instead of it, it tends to vest in political parties to co-operate and bear responsibilities together in European and Asian countries.

“Coalition government” operates and started to reduce a gap between western and eastern political parties in many countries such as the United Kingdom, Germany, the Netherlands, Austria, Sweden, Denmark, Italy and Japan. In regard to this, overlapping ideology between political parties are disappeared and pragmatic trend started to increase. In the West and North-Western countries, the trend of cartel has become increasingly linked by the fact that the parties are interconnected and cooperate with the government in order to seek reliable funding channels. It may conclude that the environment which requires to form a cartel party, is inevitable when political parties have a direct connection with government and co-operation between them (Clima, 2017).

It is important to direct cartel party trend in right direction. It needs to agree that the political parties in post-communist countries of Central and Eastern Europe cannot pay much attention to this trend, which resulted into *oligarch* and *clerical* trend. In this regard, it is desirable to emphasize that the countries in this region of Europe are facing a complex and difficult task of isolating the parties from the clerical and oligarchy.

## II. A GENERAL APPROACH TO DECISION-MAKING IN MODERN POLITICAL PARTIES

Nowadays, changes in political parties have a strong influence on their political role and function. The political parties in the world are actively becoming a policy-based party by

developing policy, programs based on democratic values, instead of general and traditional political ideologies. As long as political parties changed into policy-based parties, their political activities, including party policy and decision-making, have a significant impact on social development. It is better to briefly clarify a few things on political party decision and its process. The implementation of political ideology in political science is considered as multi-stage interrelation. It means that they have a cycling system such as ideology from political party; election program from political ideology; policy from election program; decision from policy; status from decision (D.Bold-Erdene, 2016). In this context, political party’s decision-making process is the main form in the process of formulating policies from their electoral program and the mechanisms for their implementation.

The basis of political party decisions is the policy. Party politics is developed from political program. It is a form of management and coordination of its political activities based on political ideology, concepts and programs.

In this context, policy of political party is a focused on its activities and decisions which resulted into centralized system. This fundamental policy is offered to society by way of process of political decision. Form here, *it can be seen that process of decision-making is centralized and can be implemented in the society by program which has an actual reflection of party’s political activity and its specific type of direction*. In modern times, decision of political party is made in special features such as well-organized in terms of ideology, flexible and pragmatic in terms of meaning. In general sense, decision of political party is made in different types of contents such as ideology, management – regulation, internal political party activities, domestic democracy, power division in government level and political party level, government and political party, and relationship between parties. This form of legitimacy is endorsed by a resolution - central authority of political party, allocating a social wealth, administration of budget, policy of such party in government, and an ideology from concept of law. The decision-making process of the party is largely dependent on the differences in the traditional bases of such party. Today, political parties are classified in the nature of the decision-making process such as flexible, free and hierarchical. Decision making process of political party prevails flexible and free patterns in Anglo - Saxon countries (Britain, USA, Canada, Australia, North Ireland, New Zealand and other developed countries). In European countries (France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Austria, Switzerland and Scandinavia) and pre-industrial and political-type political systems (most of Asia, Africa and Latin America), and countries with Roman-German and mixed dual traditions, the hierarchical pattern of

<sup>3</sup> The idea of “Cartel Party” was first asserted by O. Shermmer and A. Lepparth. However, in the process of further elaborating and regulating the idea of this party, R. Katsz, P. Eyir, L. Pellico, K. Deterbek, D. Popkin, B.Sc. The role of Bartolinie and M. Bleach is great.

party decision-making prevails. Those different types of patterns identify process of decision-making of political party.

**The following environments need to be taken into account when looking at the general approaches in the decision-making process of political parties:<sup>4</sup>**

The influence of structure, co-operation of divisions or departments, and independence of them is quite an attractive topic in decision – making process of political party. The central apparatus, a foundation of political party, branches of political party in local area, and a group of people in parliament seats are an independent source for decision-making of political party. Structure, their co-operation in regard to decision- making, and functions of them are sources of dispute in modern political party. However, modern political parties are becoming more and more evolving in the direction of becoming a *parliamentary institution* based on public support. In this context, it is more common sense that a decision-making process of modern political party is usually centered on parliament. In other words, power and independence of political party in parliament have more effect in decision making. Nowadays, decision of political party is mainly focused on parliament and its delegations are responsible to implement their policy in the society. It does not mean that central apparatus and branches of political party in local area are not necessary in influencing a decision – making. They need to increase and restrict powers of political party when required.

The main feature of decision-making process of political party is changed due to democratic elements are relative increased in decision- making process. It is natural to increase the participation of ordinary members and supporters in the decision-making process as the parties go to democracy. However, most researchers note that influences of leaders are dominant in decision-making process. This situation has been criticized recently and has led to major causes in regular activities of political party. It may have a negative impact on the survival of the party. It became a common to look back and analyze traditional decision-making process of political parties and increase a participation of supports and members of political parties in order to direct and elements of democracy. Therefore, a modern mechanism, increases a participation of supporters and members, is significantly arose. As illustration: Online source is highly developed in USA and developed, democratic countries in Europe for increasing supports and members participation in decision – making process.

The common approach observed that vertical and horizontal management – control

<sup>4</sup> This is a very brief overview of the context of change in attitudes towards current decision-making, not on the basis of specific examples based on examples and specifics of the country.

mechanism is used in current political. It is urgent to balance and coordination of the vertical and horizontal structures of management and control in the decision-making process due to development of internal democracy.

Management – control mechanism is a foundation to tie leaders and central applause of political parties in certain ways in participation of decision-making process and it increases participation of supporters and members. This led to favorable environment for enabling horizontal management in decision – making process. Horizontal management-control mechanism means ensuring a participation of members of the party, an independent representative of civil society in decision making process. It is a common sign for political parties in democratic western countries built this basic structure of management.

**The result of a major scientific research study became a foundation to decision-making process in political parties.**

Political parties in western countries are already started to take into consideration a recommendation of thing-tank organization and result of major scientific research study when they identify their policy and decision- making. In this regard, political parties rely on scientific result rather than prediction of political leader when political parties identify their decision. Therefore, political parties need to develop a research organization, affiliated to political party, and improve scientific base decisions.

**Ways to influence decision making processes in political party.**

The frame of the party's decision-making process has many aspects. In this context, the potential scenario for improving it is also broad. Improving the decision-making process of the party is following interdependent levels.

1. Improve the internal content and quality of the decision;
2. Improve the procedures, order and sequence of decision-making processes;
3. Selecting appropriate mechanisms to influence decision-making.

From this point on, we emphasize a few things to choose the appropriate mechanism to influence the decision. Mongolia's political reforms have always been a challenge. It is interesting to examine the opportunities and ways to improve the party's decision-making process. The first step to rationalizing this issue is the fact that the current situation of the decision-making process in our political parties, including the parliamentary and minority parties, is a real diagnosis of the problem. Our researchers concluded that the whole of the parties is being *oligarchic* the major obstacle to the decision-making process of predominantly influential political parties in Mongolia. Therefore, they consider the first step towards

improving the decision-making process reducing the negative effects of political environment on parties to distortion. It is common distortion is still there today in Mongolian political parties. These include:

- Ø Effectiveness of the party's influential political leaders in the decision-making process remains strong;
- Ø While the vertical structure of decision making prevails, horizontal management structures that influence decision-making have not been adequately established;
- Ø In fact, In the party's decision-making process, central party apparatus, is the power of decision-making authority of the top governing body of the MPP and the authority of the Governing Council to influence the party's decision-making process and that the parliamentary party's autonomy and autonomy is inadequate;
- Ø The direct participation of ordinary members and supporters in the decision making was not sufficient and the direct mechanism of direct democracy was not sufficient enough;

In such cases, it is very important to actively seek out alternative options for the party decision-making process. Particular pragmatic approaches to Mongolian parties can have an impact on their decision-making process.

- Ø Improving the legal basis of party decision-making processes. It should be clarified to clarify the Constitution and other ancillary organic laws (Law on Parliament, Law on Parliamentary Session Procedures, Law on Political Parties, Election Laws), and Party Relations Rules and Regulations. be it.
- Ø Appropriate alignment between the vertical and horizontal control of the decision-making arrangement
- Ø Leaders and politicians Equality in the decision-making process of the Party, as well as the involvement of members of the supporters and the role of the members of the supporters to participate in the decision-making process to increase the weight of the democratic element.
- Ø Strengthen the intellectual and scientific basis of party decision making and dramatically increase human resource capacity
- Ø In order to improve the intellectual roots of the decision, a powerful research organization at the party will build a tackle tank and increase the role and importance of policy research.

- Ø Balancing the roles and responsibilities of the main organizational structure of the party's decision-making body and giving parliamentary party groups a basic policy determination and decision-making role, ensuring its autonomy and transferring the decision-making process to the parliamentary party's structure
- Ø Increasing the direction of the advisory council in the decision making of the central apparatus of the party's apparatus, and to limit or reduce the rights and duties of local party organizations
- Ø Improve the independence of the party's decision-making process and strengthen the capacity of ordinary members, supporters and civil society oversight
- Ø Raise the political, cultural and ethical standards of the political leaders of the party to make the necessary and effective mechanisms of accountability and accountability for them.
- Ø Improving the decision-making process of the party, removing many levels of bureaucracy and implementing party decisions quickly and quickly.

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