

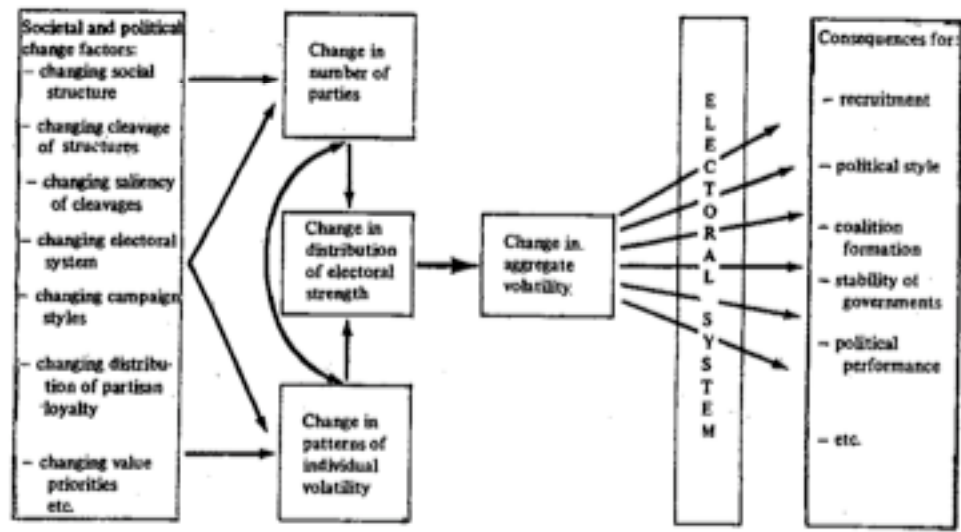
# Observing Political Parties as both Public and Private Institutions

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**FIGURE 2.7**  
**A framework for the study of party system dynamics**



# Paradigm shifts in 1980s

- Combination of 'electoral change', new research interests in organizational dynamics, and (gradually) greater access to new sources of data
  - Shift from explaining party systems as 'systems' to understanding party system change
  - Greater focus on political parties



- Good coverage
  - Party organizations: Janda, Katz/Mair
  - Party members: Katz/Mair; Scarrow; Mair/van Biezen
  - Party finance: Alexander, Nassmacher, Scarrow
  - Candidate selection: Gallagher/Marsh, Hazan/Rahat
  - Leadership election: Blais/Cross
  - Election campaigning: Farrell; Norris; Gibson/Römmele
- Poor coverage
  - Policy-making
  - Party staff (Webb/Kolodny)
  - Power dynamics

# Better data in search of theory?

- The change/decline debate
- Models of party (models for models' sake?)
- Party professionalization ('post-modern campaigns'??)
- Campaign effects

What other rationales for studying political parties?