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**Abstract** 

The main goal of this study is to capture and analyze the dynamics of the transformation of

party unity within political parties, which have split as a result of the ongoing internal party

crisis. Emphasis is placed on the identification of internal dividing lines using data on

parliamentary votes. The study is based on quantitative methods, relies on approaches and tools

used in network analysis, and from a theoretical perspective it draws from the literature related

to party unity, etc. Party unity was approached as a quantity that serves as a proxy for possible

relationships within the analyzed parliamentary groups, whereas the degree of consensus voting

(ie party unity) indicates relationships such as cooperation or rivalry. The primary outcome of

three studies dealing with unique cases of intra-party divisions in the modern history of the

Czech Republic was the identification of the dynamics of joint voting between deputies who

remained in the divided party and "renegades" who left that party and became part of new

political entities.

**Keywords** 

Political networks; Party unity; Fragmentation of parliamentary parties

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