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CHAPTER I

THE PROBLEM: ITS BACKGROUND AND SCOPE

Introduction

The complexity of school administration is rapidly increasing, especially as school systems tend to grow larger. This trend can be readily noted in the decrease in the number of school districts and the increase in the size of those districts which have consolidated and which have grown more populous. In 1931-32 there were over 127,000 school districts reported in the United States; significantly, thirty-five years later there were slightly more than 26,000 school districts in existence.¹ The major trend has been toward the establishment of local districts which can afford a better educational program through the strength of increase in size and resources.

¹National Education Association, Research Bulletin, Washington: Research Division of N.E.A., XLIV (February, 1966), p. 22.

Over 42 million students were enrolled in public schools in the 1965-66 school year.² Today's apparent emphasis is directed toward holding the youth of our country in school through high school graduation, usually attempted through special program offerings in the school or by increased compulsory school age attendance. Approximately two-thirds of the young people in the United States now complete high school;³ the financing of such a level of education is in itself staggering. Statistics indicate that in just over a century we have progressed from spending around \$200,000 a year to spending an estimated annual outlay of over twenty billion dollars for education.⁴ There is little doubt, especially with added state and federal emphasis, that education is, indeed, big business.

Naturally, as the number of students increase, so do the number of teachers and administrators. As schools become larger, a more complex organization for administrative purposes evolves. The one or two-teacher school of earlier times reflected a relative simplicity of organization and administration; however, today's more modern,

²Ibid.

³U.S., Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Digest of Educational Statistics, (Washington: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1964), p. 3.

⁴Roger A. Freeman, School Needs in the Decade Ahead, (Washington: The Institute for Social Science Research, 1958), p. 3.

larger school presents a much more complicated situation. More people are involved in the operation of these schools. This has led to the creation of special offices on various levels relative to certain individuals within the school organization, such as the superintendent, central staff, principal, department heads, counselors, teachers, and others. Each one has his own function and area of technical skill within a rather fixed sphere of authority. Management of the various offices which has resulted has tended to be more impersonal and to rely more frequently on a system of rules, regulations, and procedures for efficiency of operation.

The resulting organization possesses many of the characteristics set forth by Max Weber (1864-1920), a German sociologist, economist, and political writer, who formulated a theory of "bureaucracy," (see Chapter II). Although a great deal of the thinking concerning bureaucracy is often associated with Weber, the bureaucratic concept is historical, dating back to the ancient empires of China, Egypt, and Rome.⁵ Weber's concept of the "ideal type" of bureaucracy is often grouped under classical or traditional organizational theory along with Frederick Taylor and scientific management characterized by Gulick, Urwick, and others.⁶ The bureaucratic

⁵H. H. Gerth and C. Wright Mills, From Max Weber: Essays in Sociology, (New York: Oxford University Press, 1946), p. 204.

⁶Warren G. Bennis, "Leadership Theory and Administrative Behavior: The Problem of Authority," Administrative

tendencies of organizations noted by Weber, and frequently voiced by other authorities, are often identified with political institutions only; however, they are present in all social situations, whether business, corporations, industry, churches, universities, or school systems.⁷

Within the bureaucratic framework described by Weber, the basis for decisions often grows out of the various rules and regulations which are part of the organization. This tends to limit the need for judgment by others in the hierarchy and permits the handling of a large number of cases by persons of modest competence at low levels of responsibility. Throughout bureaucratic administration, administrative regulations replace judgment.⁸ Administration in the public schools frequently mirrors this same fundamental characteristic. In fact, few organizations probably exist which reflect a more rule-structured situation than the larger American school system of the present. For example, anyone who has been a principal in a small high school as well as a principal in a large high school will note the framework of rules, regulations, procedures, and policies which govern more rigidly in the operations of the

Science Quarterly, IV (1959), p. 263.

⁷Stuart Chapin, "The Growth of Bureaucracy: An Hypothesis," American Sociological Review, XVI (1951), p. 835.

⁸Lewis C. Mainzer, "Honor in Bureaucratic Life," The Review of Politics, XXVI (1964), pp. 70-71.

larger school. Despite this lack of fluidity, rules and policies are interpreted and applied differently within the established framework. Frequently the principal may discover himself diligently seeking a rule which will help him make a decision. If none exists, he may very well create a rule to cover the immediate problem as well as other future eventualities. The multiplicity of these problems is characteristic of larger school operations; therefore, the increase in reliability on rules and regulations is viewed as necessary. The routine of daily decision making, then, usually involves interpreting and applying various and sundry rules and regulations made by the principal, his organization, and his superiors.

Esser and Strother⁹ used a measurement of rule orientation of first line level supervisors to determine the bureaucratization which had taken place in an organization. One of the implications pointed towards individual managerial techniques as a contributing factor involved in the differences among organizations.¹⁰ However, in order to determine the bureaucratization of an organization, this study depended on one measure from the characteristics of a bureaucratic structure, rule orientation of those in an official position.

⁹Norbert J. Esser and George B. Strother, "Rule Interpretation As An Indicator of Style of Management," Personnel Psychology, XV (Winter, 1962).

¹⁰Ibid., p. 385.

No method was used to discover the degree of bureaucracy as perceived by the employees of the organization as it might be related to the rule orientation of the official. This latter approach suggests that bureaucracy can be perceived by members of the organization more accurately, especially since officials differ from one organization to another in certain administrative behavior. A basic example of this procedure is the matter of interpretation and application of various rules by which the school organization must operate. Throughout the school system, various rules exist to provide efficient operation of the structure; these are not all interpreted or applied in a standardized manner, but they must depend upon the individual building principal who is in charge of implementing and carrying out rules proposed for larger organizational operation, as well as the individual school. Decisions are frequently made which are not necessarily oriented toward the use of rules established to provide standard operating procedure; many of these decisions directly affect perceptions of teachers within the school.

The decisions of the principal, which are an important part of the basis for teacher perceptions, are affected by a number of considerations. Fundamental to these considerations is the individual principal's unique values which serve as a foundation for his belief system. Rokeach¹¹ conceives

¹¹Milton Rokeach, The Open and Closed Mind (New York: Basic Books, Inc., 1960), p. 4.

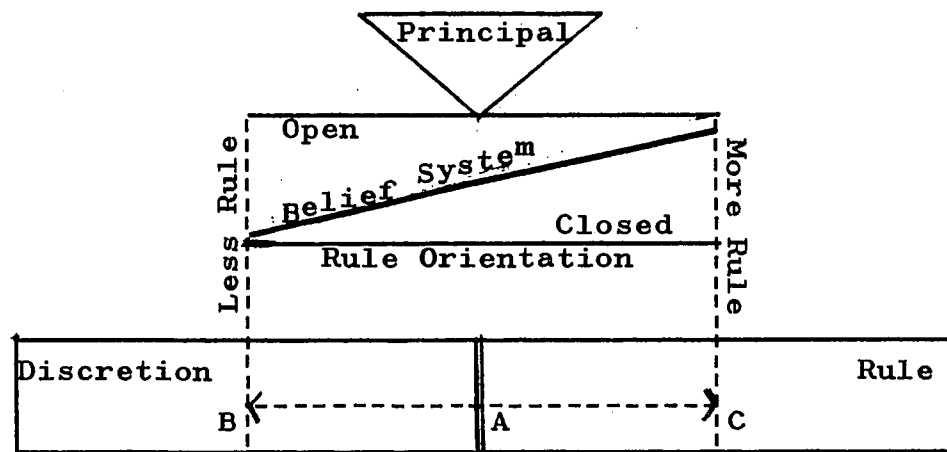
of a belief system as operating in degrees of "openness" or "closedness," typifying an open or closed mind. The actions of the principal, under this assumption, may be guided by his particular system of beliefs. In this context, discretionary decision making often relies on the personal belief system of the decision maker. Rules and regulations frequently represent authority which may be invoked according to various situations; the degree of dependence of the school principal upon this authority in decision making is reflected in his personally held belief system. Consequently, this ultimately results in various perceptions by the teachers about the organization when these decisions affect them.

Purpose of the Study

The basic purpose of this study was to determine whether the bureaucratic norm of a school system, as perceived by teachers, was more or less bureaucratic in individual schools and if this variation was influenced by the particular behavior of the individual school principal. The general definition of bureaucracy characteristically relies on rather rigid behavior of those in official capacities. It was the purpose of this investigation to examine the extent to which certain behavior of the principal modifies the impact of the bureaucratic structure on the perception of teachers who view the operations of the school organization in varying degrees of bureaucracy.

Statement of the Problem

The problem of this study was to determine whether the degree of teacher perceived school bureaucracy varied in different schools, and to determine whether this was related to (1) the orientation of the principal toward rules in discretionary decision-making situations and (2) the belief system characterizing the individual principal. The following model is a graphical representation of the problem:



SCHOOL BUREAUCRACY AS PERCEIVED BY TEACHERS

The inverted triangle contains the subject of the study, the school principal. The first panel illustrates both the belief system and rule orientation of the principal. The belief system is never completely closed or open; however, the more closed the system, the more rule oriented the principal; the more open the system, the less rule oriented the principal. The lower panel consists of the degree of school bureaucracy as perceived by teachers. A school system is characterized as having a bureaucratic

norm, point A in the panel. However, according to the belief system and rule orientation of the individual principal, a school within a system varies from the norm along a continuum towards either point B, where more discretion is used in decision making, or point C, where decisions are often governed by rules.

The following null hypotheses were formulated relative to the major problem of the study:

- Ho 1: There will be no significant difference between principals who are more rule oriented with open-belief systems and principals who are less rule oriented with closed-belief systems.
- Ho 2: There will be no significant difference between the degree of bureaucracy as perceived by teachers and the individual belief system of the principal.
- Ho 3: There will be no significant difference between the rule orientation of principals and the degree of bureaucracy perceived by teachers within their schools.
- Ho 4: There will be no significant difference between elementary and secondary school principals in terms of (a) belief systems, or (b) rule orientation.

Ho 5: There will be no significant difference between the degree of bureaucracy perceived by elementary and secondary teachers.

Four other relationships were investigated as sub-problems which were related to the degree of bureaucracy as perceived by teachers within the school: (1) age of teachers, (2) teaching experience of teachers, (3) sex of the teacher, and (4) size of the school organization. The following sub-hypotheses were formulated:

Sub Ho 1: There will be no significant difference between the age of teachers and the degree of bureaucracy perceived by the teachers.

Sub Ho 2: There will be no significant difference between the number of years of teaching experience of teachers and the degree of bureaucracy perceived by teachers.

Sub Ho 3: There will be no significant difference between the sex of teachers and the degree of bureaucracy perceived by teachers.

Sub Ho 4: There will be no significant difference between the size of the school and the degree of bureaucracy perceived by teachers.

Significance of the Study

This study is important in that it adds to existing knowledge a further means of identifying potential

administrators who should be encouraged toward careers in school administration. Additional significance of the study is the contribution to bureaucratic theory and bureaucratic structure as (1) it may be modified by certain behaviors of administrators, and (2) it may be perceived by subordinates within the bureaucratic structure. Furthermore, the study reveals the way in which the large school system bureaucratic structure influences not only the perceptions of teachers, but also the behavior of principals.

Definition of Terms

Bureaucracy. Conceived of as an ideal type which rarely exists, bureaucracy refers to principles of organization that find varying degrees of expression in a wide variety of organizations. The bureaucracy is characterized by (1) fixed and jurisdictional areas for members; (2) a graded system of centralized authority; (3) a system of central files; (4) a set of special skills called office management; (5) official activities which demand the full time of personnel; and (6) systematic and general rules which define procedure and which are followed.¹²

Discretionary Decision Making. The process of making choices within a framework which allows some degree of flexibility in judgment and eventual choice.

¹² Julius Gould and William Kolb (ed.), Dictionary of Social Sciences (New York: The Free Press, 1964), p. 61.

More Rule Oriented. The inclination towards the use of rules and regulations to govern decisions; in this context, rules become ends rather than means.

Less Rule Oriented. There is less reliance on rules and regulations to guide decisions; in this case, rules tend to become means rather than ends.

Open Belief System. A system in which information is evaluated and acted upon independently on its own merits, in accord with the inner structural requirements of the situation. The more open the belief system, the more the person should be governed in his actions by internal self-actualizing forces and less by irrational inner forces. He has more strength to resist external reinforcements, rewards, or punishments in terms of the way information will be evaluated and acted upon.¹³

Closed Belief System. A system which is more closed has difficulty in distinguishing between information received about the world and information received about the source; a person cannot be free to receive, evaluate, and act upon information in terms of inner requiredness. He is exposed to pressures, rewards, and punishments meted out by the source designed to make him evaluate and act on the information in the way the source wants him to.¹⁴

¹³Rokeach, op. cit., p. 58.

¹⁴Ibid.

Elementary School. A school composed of the first six years of a pupil's education; it is normally divided into grades one through six in larger school systems.

Secondary School. A school consisting of the last six years of a pupil's education in public schools; it is normally divided into the junior high school, grades seven through nine, and the senior high school, grades ten through twelve, in the larger systems.

Limitations

The following limitations should be noted regarding this study:

1. This study was limited to an investigation of all schools in an individual, large school district.
2. This study was limited to principals and teachers of this school district.
3. This study was limited to the validity and reliability of the instruments used as part of the investigation.
4. This study was limited in its follow-up procedures on teachers which would have increased the returns of the instrument used.
5. This study was limited to the variables of belief systems, rule orientation, and bureaucracy, as well as the variables of the sub-problems of age, sex, teaching experience, and school size regarding teachers.

Data Collection

Data concerning principals' belief systems and rule orientation, and teacher perceived bureaucracy within a school system were collected to test statistically the hypotheses of the study. A meeting of principals in the school system was held in order to explain the study, and a packet of materials was given to each principal. Each principal was requested to complete two questionnaire-type instruments which measured the belief system and rule orientation of the principal. Principals were asked to distribute another instrument, which measured teacher perceived bureaucracy, to teachers in their schools. All instruments were returned by mail by the individuals completing them. Further details of data collection and data-collection techniques are given in Chapter III.

Overview of the Study

This study is divided into five chapters. The first chapter constitutes the introduction which identifies the problem investigated. The second chapter presents a study of selected literature related to the problem. The third chapter deals with the design of the study, and the instrumentation used in the investigation. The fourth chapter contains an analysis and interpretation of the collected data. The fifth chapter is composed of a summary, conclusions, and recommendations resulting from the study.

CHAPTER II

REVIEW OF SELECTED RELATED LITERATURE

The problem under consideration deals with belief systems, rule orientation, and organizational bureaucracy. In order to keep the review of literature within its proper bounds, several studies which were considered representative of each of the elements were selected for inclusion. The review of literature was divided into the three areas dealing with the major variables of the study.

Belief Systems

Rokeach¹ conceives of belief systems as being independent of personality, and he reasons that individuals organize the world of ideas, people, and authority basically along belief congruence. That which is not congruent is further organized in terms of similarity to that which is congruent. Much of a person's behavior, with respect to diverse belief systems as well as persons and authorities identified with such systems, seems, at least in part, to be determined by such cognitive organizations.

¹Rokeach, op. cit., p. 395.

Belief systems are often associated with values of the individual. A study conducted by Kemp² reflects the importance of change in value systems as related to belief systems. This investigation concerned a group of 104 religious-minded persons who were enrolled in a special training program in a denominational college in preparation for positions such as Boy Scout executives or Young Men's Christian Association or Young Women's Christian Association secretaries. The subjects were given a test of their value orientations, using the Allport-Vernon Scale of Values. Six years later the test was repeated, along with the Dogmatism Scale, which was also administered. Contrary to common-sense assumption, correlations between the Dogmatism Scale and the Allport-Vernon Scale of Values demonstrated that change is not associated with open systems or non-change with closed systems. The study pointed out that although it was not possible to predict on theoretical grounds the exact changes in values to be expected, it was found that both open and closed persons change their values over a period of time.³

One of the interesting findings of this study involved the vocational choices of the closed, middle, and

²Gratton C. Kemp, "Changes in Values in Relation to Open and Closed Belief Systems," in Milton Rokeach, The Open and Closed Mind (New York: Basic Books, Inc., 1960), pp. 335-46.

³Ibid., p. 345.

open groups. Roughly 70 per cent of the middle group became Boy Scout executives, as planned, or this group entered closely related professions. But most of the open and closed subjects changed their vocational choices after leaving college. The open subjects more frequently entered vocations requiring more advanced professional training in careers involving social welfare, and the closed subjects more frequently entered military and commercial careers of an administrative nature.⁴

An investigation conducted by Hoy⁵ relates closely with the belief system of teachers and principals as related to pupil control which often involves school rules and regulations. In this study, pupil control ideology was conceived along a continuum ranging from "custodialism" at one extreme to "humanism" at the other. Custodialism was defined in terms of the traditional viewpoints of control, while humanism connoted the conception of the organization as a community of human beings in which the varied needs of the individual are met. The relationship between pupil control ideology and dogmatism of public school professional personnel was explored by using the Control Ideology Scale and the Dogmatism Scale designed by Rokeach.

⁴Ibid., p. 346.

⁵Wayne K. Hoy, "Dogmatism and the Pupil Control Ideology of Public School Professional Staff Members," (Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation, Pennsylvania, 1965).

Data from 805 teachers and 168 principals were collected from a diverse sample of eleven school systems in Pennsylvania. In general it was found that those individuals who scored high in dogmatism (close minded) as measured by the Dogmatism Scale were more custodial in their pupil-control ideology than individuals who scored low in dogmatism (open minded). This finding tends to uphold the basic hypothesis of Hoy's study: (1) that pupil control ideology of close-minded teachers will be significantly more custodial than pupil ideology of open-minded teachers, and (2) that the pupil-control ideology of close-minded principals will be significantly more custodial than the pupil control of open-minded principals. Furthermore, organizational position was found to be significantly related to pupil-control ideology. The pupil-control ideology of principals was less custodial than that of teachers; further, secondary teachers were more custodial than elementary teachers in their pupil-control ideology.⁶

The two research studies deal with several factors which are pertinent in considering belief systems and rule orientation of principals. Individuals may be grouped into closed, middle, and open patterns, reflecting some change of values in the former and latter groups. The direction of these changes is not necessarily constant. Furthermore, pupil control which frequently involves rules and regulations

⁶Ibid., pp. 43-70.

made by teachers and principals is more custodial in the case of close-minded principals than open-minded principals. This would seem to reflect the concept that principals with closed-belief systems do incline to be more rule oriented than do principals with open-belief systems.

Rule Orientation

Weber emphasized the importance of rules, regulations, and procedures in the bureaucratic structure. Various studies have been made in regard to the relationships of the components of the organization and the individual behavior of those within the organization. In one study by Laswell⁷ it was found that the personalities of those in charge of handling the complaints in a department differed widely in their response to rule administration regarding the same manner of approach by clients. The researcher attributed this to the play of unconscious motives and past experiences determining conduct of rule administration.

Gouldner⁸ made a rather exhaustive case history of a gypsum plant organization. He considered certain variables which were largely ignored in Weber's theory of bureaucracy, such as (1) what variations in patterns are associated with different methods of initiating rules and (2) whom must the

⁷Harold D. Laswell, The Analysis of Political Behavior (London: Routledge and Kegan Paul Ltd., 1949), p. 165.

⁸Alvin W. Gouldner, Patterns of Industrial Bureaucracy (Glencoe, Illinois: The Free Press, 1954), p. 31.

rules be useful to if bureaucratic authority is to be effective. Three bureaucratic types, which differ according to whether or not they enforced rules and the manner of enforcement, were identified by Gouldner as follows: (1) "mock" bureaucratic pattern characterized by rules which are neither enforced by management nor obeyed by workers; (2) "representative" bureaucracy which occurs when rules are enforced by management, obeyed by workers, and supported by informal sentiments of both groups, and (3) "punishment centered" bureaucracy which is found when the rules are enforced by one group and violated by another, calling for various sanctions.⁹

Esser and Strother¹⁰ used rule orientation as a dependent variable, and they were concerned with the extent to which the profit objective and size were significant independent variables. Profit motives in this case provided a clear-cut tangible measure of goal-directed behavior. A series of incidents involving application of rules was adapted from textbooks and administered to 512 first level supervisors who were considered the focal point of the implementation of policy. Rule orientedness of the supervisor was used as a measure of organizational bureaucracy. It was discovered that the rule orientation of the supervisors was independent of the main study variables of size

⁹Ibid., pp. 181-207.

¹⁰Esser and Strother, op. cit., pp. 375-388.

and type of organization. The personal variables of age and number of years as a supervisor were found to be of minimal importance. A significant difference was determined in the supervisors' rule orientation depending on level of education. The supervisors with average education were found to be more rule oriented than those with either less or more education.

Numerous studies have been made using the Getzels-Guba theory which conceived of administration structurally as the hierarchy of subordinate-superordinate relationships within a social system. Functionally this hierarchy of relationships was the focus for allocating and integrating roles, personnel, and facilities in order to achieve the goals of the social system.¹¹ Two dimensions of activity in a social system are identified as (1) the nomothetic, or normative, dimension which is composed by the elements of institution, role, and expectation, and (2) the idiographic, or personal, dimension which is constituted by the individual, personality, and need disposition in a social system.¹² The nomothetic style of leadership-followship views the most expeditious route to a goal as residing in the nature of the institutional structure, rather than in any particular persons. An adherence to rules and procedures is reflected

¹¹J. W. Getzels and E. G. Guba, "Social Behavior and the Administrative Process," The School Review, LXV (Winter, 1957), p. 424.

¹²Ibid.

in this style. "The obligation of the followers is to do things 'by the book'; the obligation of the leader is 'to write the book'."¹³ The idiographic style of leadership-followership places emphasis on the requirements of the individual and the need-disposition, rather than on the requirements of the institution, the role, and the expectation.¹⁴ The latter style uses less reliance on rules and procedures of the organization and is more concerned with the individual within the structure.

A representative investigation using the Getzels-Guba model is reflected in a study conducted by Morgan¹⁵ concerning the expectations of the public school principalship as viewed by subordinates, co-ordinates, and super-ordinate positions. Teachers, principals, superintendents, and boards of education in nine metropolitan school districts of Utah participated in the study. A questionnaire provided analysis of the groups' nomothetic (institutional), ideographic (individual), or transactional (combination of the two) toward the role of the principal. A trend was noted among the principals toward a moderate nomothetic orientation;

¹³Ibid., p. 426.

¹⁴Ibid., p. 437.

¹⁵Stanley R. Morgan, "The Public School Principalship: Role Expectations by Relevant Groups," (Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation, The University of Utah, 1965, Abstract: Dissertation Abstracts, XXVI, 1966), pp. 4390-4391.

however, there was no significant difference between the mean scores of elementary and secondary principals nor between teachers on these two levels. This investigation appears to indicate that school principals as a group may be inclined toward the nomothetic style of leadership-followership with its dependence upon institutional rules and procedures. A further indication is noted in the fact that there is no significant difference between the levels of principals; elementary principals may be just as nomothetically inclined as secondary principals.

Bureaucracy

The major source of literature concerning bureaucracy is found in the field of sociology, business, government, and industry. Therefore, a large portion of this section was drawn from these areas. Due to limitations of space, only certain materials were included which were considered representative of the field.

Lipset¹⁶ noted that in recent years there has been a growing concern about the problem of bureaucracy in a large scale society. The sheer size and complexity of social organizations, whether private or public, have created a need for a new class of administrators or bureaucrats to operate organizations efficiently. Furthermore, there is

¹⁶Seymour M. Lipset, "Bureaucracy and Social Change," in Robert K. Merton, (ed.) Reader in Bureaucracy (New York: The Free Press, 1952), pp. 221-232.

a feeling that modern democratic society faces a dilemma - of making extensive grants of power to these individuals and the feeling of danger in abdicating the right of democratic constituency to change the policies and personnel of the bureaucracy. This problem in itself creates much of the frustration and anger directed at the bureaucratic organization. The desire exists to change the bureaucratic structure by those outside of it; conversely, there is the desire to maintain the structure by those within it. However, maintenance is only one of a series of complex factors determining individual actions of administrators in the organization. In a given situation, each person acts somewhat differently according to his background.¹⁷

Max Weber, who formulated a theory of organizational bureaucracy, identified what the "ideal" or pure type of bureaucracy would entail. Convinced that bureaucracy, from the purely technical view, was the best means of attaining the highest degree of efficiency, Weber also thought of it as being the most rational means of controlled operations involving people. Merton¹⁸ discerned the chief merit of bureaucracy as being its technical efficiency, with a premium placed on precision, speed, expert control, continuity, discretion, and optimal returns for input.

¹⁷Ibid., p. 230.

¹⁸Robert K. Merton, (ed.), Reader in Bureaucracy, (New York: The Free Press, 1952), pp. 361-370.

Six basic characteristics of the bureaucratic structure were pointed out by Weber:¹⁹

1. There is the principle of fixed and official jurisdictional areas which are generally ordered by rules, that is, by laws or administrative regulation.
2. The principles of office hierarchy and levels of graded authority mean a firmly ordered system of super- and subordination in which there is a supervision of the lower offices by the higher ones. Such a system offers the governed the possibility of appealing the decision of a lower office to its higher authority in a definitely regulated manner.
3. The management of the modern office is based upon written documents ("the files"), which are preserved in their original or draft form.
4. Office management, at least, all specialized office management--and such management is distinctly modern--usually presupposes thorough and expert training.
5. When the office is fully developed, official activity demands the full working capacity of the official, irrespective of the fact that is obligatory time in the bureau may be firmly delimited.
6. The management of the office follows general rules which are more or less stable, more or less exhaustive, and which can be learned. Knowledge of these rules represents special technical learning which the official possesses. It involves jurisprudence, or administrative or business management.

The reduction of the modern office management to rules is deeply embedded in its very nature.

¹⁹Gerth and Mills, op. cit., pp. 196-198.

In addition, Weber conceived that the position of the official within a bureaucracy as being particularly associated with that type of structure indicating that the "office" is a "vocation." This is shown first in the requirement of a firmly prescribed course of training which demands the entire capacity for work for a long period of time. The personal position of the official was patterned in the following manner:²⁰

1. The official strives for and usually enjoys a distinct social esteem as compared with the governed.
2. The pure type of bureaucratic official is appointed by a superior authority. An official elected by the governed is not a purely bureaucratic figure.
3. Normally the position of the official is held for life; tenure for life is presupposed, even if the giving of notice or periodic reappointment occurs.
4. The official is set for a "career" within the hierarchical order of the public service. He moves from the lower, less important and lower paid to the higher positions.

Max Weber's model of bureaucracy is frequently used as a reference point by authorities regarding possible new approaches. Litwak²¹ views Weber's model as the most efficient only when the organization deals primarily with uniform events and occupations stressing traditional areas

²⁰Ibid., pp. 198-203.

²¹Eugene Litwak, "Models of Bureaucracy Which Permit Conflict," The American Journal of Sociology, LVII (September, 1961), pp. 177-184.

of knowledge and social skill. A different model is proposed, combining the Weberian model with one emphasizing primary group relations and organizational goals (as in the human relations approach) to create a third model termed "professional" bureaucracy. This model is deemed appropriate to contemporary society where most large-scale organizations have to deal with both uniform and non-uniform tasks or with occupations that demand traditional knowledge, as well as social skills.²² Examples of this type of bureaucratic structure would be large hospitals, graduate schools, and research organizations.

A focal point of consideration of the bureaucratic structure has been an increased awareness of organizational behavior. Merton,²³ who is well known for his concise but penetrating analysis of the bureaucratic structure and personality, perceives certain frustrating aspects derived from specific features of this structure. These aspects often oppose the efficiency claimed by Weber and reflect some of the concern felt by Lipset.²⁴ Assessing the impact of the bureaucratic organization on employee personalities, it is pointed out that there is an inherent danger in organizational behavior which is so disciplined that conformance

²²Ibid., p. 181.

²³Merton, op. cit., pp. 361-370.

²⁴Lipset, op. cit.

with regulations, whatever the situation, results in original goal displacement, and rules become ends rather than means. Another factor involves the stress on depersonalization of relationships, for this also is a part of the bureaucratic trained incapacity:

. . . The personality pattern of the bureaucrat is nucleated about this norm of impersonality. Both this and the categorizing tendency, which develops from the dominant role of general abstract rules, tends to produce conflict in the bureaucrat's contacts with the public or clientele. . . Stereotyped behavior is not adapted to the exigencies of individual problems. . .²⁵

The behavior of those operating within the bureaucracy oftentimes begins to accommodate to the organization, and individuals become a part of the structure in different ways. Presthus explores the idea that culture, which has been promoted by big business, emphasizes the value of conformity, authority, and success. A theoretical framework is developed as follows: (1) bureaucracy is a major form of modern society; (2) bureaucratic values reflect a major ingredient to culture; (3) these values are acquired early in life or not at all, and (4) those who have acquired the appropriate values and defenses can accommodate to bureaucracy, but those who have not will find accommodation difficult. Presthus²⁶ describes three modal types of organizational members, which may be

²⁵Merton, op. cit., pp. 368-369.

²⁶Robert Presthus, The Organizational Society (New York: Vintage Books, 1965), pp. 164-256.

considered as personality types, in terms of the accommodation each makes to the bureaucracy:

1. The Upward Mobile -- one who aspires to organizational rewards and accepts the means by which they are obtained. The rules are regarded as the best means of decision making. As the best adapted type of bureaucrat, there is a tendency toward authoritarianism, prestige seeking, and pragmatic extroversion.
2. The Ambivalent -- one who cannot renounce organizational rewards but cannot play the role to obtain them. Making the poorest adaptation to bureaucracy, this type is considered introverted, intellectual, idealistic, individualistic, and authority fearing.
3. The Indifferent -- one who has low organizational aspirations, and whose references lie outside the organization. Adjustment is often made by being casual, and his relationship with the organization is essentially an economic bargain. This type poses the most common pattern.

Bureaucracy research studies on the school organization have been rather limited. One such study, conducted by Moeller,²⁷ explored the sense of power of teachers to affect school system policy. Twenty school systems from the St. Louis metropolitan area were used. Ratings by judges were found to order the system on an objective scale of bureaucracy. From the selected systems, a sample of 662

²⁷Gerald H. Moeller, "The Relationship between Bureaucracy in School System Organization and Teachers' Sense of Power," (Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation, Washington University, 1962, Abstract: Dissertation Abstracts, XXIII, 1963), pp. 4589-90.

teachers were used in the subsequent analysis. These teachers responded to questionnaires which included a sense of power scale and indices of differences among the system in teachers' exposure of powerless-prone persons. The major hypothesis, that the bureaucratic structure would induce a sense of powerlessness, was denied. To the contrary, teachers in bureaucratic systems were significantly higher in a sense of power in all analysis of subgroups than were the teachers in the less fully bureaucratic systems.

Hall²⁸ conducted an investigation of ten organizations to determine whether bureaucracy could be measured along a continuum according to employee perceptions by using six bureaucratic dimensions. The six dimensions were hierarchy of authority, division of labor, rules, procedures, impersonality, and technical qualifications. These were incorporated into a questionnaire-type instrument and were administered to organizational employees. The organizations ranked in size from 65 to 3,096 employees and in organizational age from four to sixty-three years. The assumptions made regarding the nature of bureaucratic dimensions were upheld. The degree to which each dimension was present ranged along a continuum, rather than existing in a present or absent dichotomy. The magnitude of the dimensions varied independently

²⁸Richard H. Hall, "An Empirical Study of Bureaucratic Dimensions and Their Relation to Other Organizational Characteristics," (Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation, The University of Ohio, 1961).

in the organization studied. Bureaucracy, in general, was perceived as a matter of degree rather than kind. Several factors related to the degree of bureaucratization along each dimension were also examined. From the data available the type of organizational activity appeared to be highly related to the degree of bureaucratization. Although the activity factor appeared to bear some relationship, the elements of organizational age and size did not emerge as important factors in this study.²⁹

Summary

Even though the belief systems of principals have been explored in some studies, these have not been previously associated with the theory of the bureaucratic structure. A few studies have been concerned with rules and regulations in a bureaucracy, but these have been notably restricted to areas other than education. For example, Esser and Strother's investigation concerning rule orientedness of supervisors utilized rule orientation as a means of determining the degree of bureaucracy existing in an organization rather than employee-perceived bureaucracy.

Hoy's study appears to provide a close association between belief systems and rule orientedness. Measuring the relation between pupil control and belief system, the study also reflects the problem of belief system and rule

²⁹Ibid., p. 50-56.

orientation. The fact that closed-minded principals were more custodial in pupil control than open-minded principals foreshadows the belief system-rule orientation relationship. Additional supporting evidence is noted also in the difference between elementary and secondary teachers regarding pupil control, with the secondary teachers being more custodial in pupil control. This factor may serve to emphasize the more bureaucratic nature of the secondary school.

The study conducted by Morgan indicated little difference between elementary and secondary school principals in regard to one being more inclined toward a role characterized by an orientation toward rules than the other; both levels tended to be nomothetical. A relationship between the belief system and rule orientation of a principal would also appear to support the idea that perhaps principals do not necessarily differ significantly in belief systems from the elementary level to the secondary level.

Studies concerning the individual behavior of those within the bureaucratic structure reveal various aspects which may pertain to the principal and the school organization. Several investigations seem to indicate that just as individuals differ so do the administration of rules and regulations. It was also found that school principals may be oriented toward a role involving a dependence on institutional rules and procedures. Rule orientedness itself has been used as a determinant for organizational bureaucracy.

As principals with open-belief systems engage in discretionary decision-making situations regarding application and interpretation of various rules, a reflection of this bureaucratization may become apparent.

The present investigation was made to explore the relationship of the belief system and rule orientedness of principals to the bureaucracy of the school as perceived by teachers within the schools of the principals. Of particular concern was whether a bureaucratic norm existed within a school system and whether it varied according to the belief system and rule orientation of the individual principal. The process involved three basic measurements which were suggested by a review of the related literature: (1) a measurement of the belief system of the individual principal by using Rokeach's Dogmatism Scale; (2) a measure of the rule orientation of the individual principal by developing an instrument comparable to that suggested by Esser and Strother, and (3) a measure of the degree of organizational bureaucracy by perceptions of teachers in each school utilizing Hall's Organizational Inventory. These measurements will be subjected to statistical treatment to discover any major differences which may exist in order to support the theory that school bureaucracy varies according to certain administrative behavior.

CHAPTER III

RESEARCH DESIGN: SAMPLE, INSTRUMENTATION, STATISTICAL METHODS

Sample

One of the characteristics most commonly associated with the bureaucratic structure is size; consequently, a large school system was selected because of its appropriateness for this investigation. Operationally, the study involved principals who were considered the focal point of rule interpretation and application, and teachers who were located in a key position to perceive the operation of bureaucracy within the individual school. An investigation of this type made it possible to study individual schools which were subject to an overall bureaucratic norm operating throughout the entire school system.

Representing the sample used in this study was a school system of more than 32,000 pupil enrollment, 1373 teachers, and 46 principals. Surveyed were 645 teachers and 12 principals on the secondary level and 728 teachers and 34 principals on the elementary level. Of this number the

final sample was composed of 565 secondary teachers and 12 principals and 557 elementary teachers and 34 principals.

A basic problem of the study was maintaining anonymity for those involved, while obtaining maximum participation of teachers and principals. Therefore, one of the stipulations necessary in the study was that all respondents would remain anonymous. By eliciting responses in this manner, it was believed that the sample would represent more reliability regarding the true attitudes of those responding. Some follow-up procedure on principals was initiated by having the principals return postal cards when they had mailed completed questionnaires. However, the large number of teachers involved in the study prohibited this same procedure for them. The only follow-up on teachers was a general reminder to all teachers asking them to return the questionnaire if they had not already done so.

An outline of the detailed procedures that were used in collecting data from the sample is given in the following description:

1. A meeting was held with the superintendent of schools, and the study was explained. A request was made for the superintendent's assistance in enlisting the cooperation of principals and teachers who were to be involved in the investigation. The superintendent then granted approval for the study to be conducted in the school system, and the assistant superintendent in charge of instruction offered his aid in the distribution of materials.

2. Principals were contacted concerning the study, and the procedure for gathering the data was explained.

3. According to plan, each of the forty-six principals received a packet of materials consisting of the following: (1) a covering letter to principals, (2) a copy of the Dogmatism Scale and Principal Orientation Inventory, (3) a postal card for principals, (4) a covering letter for each teacher, (5) a copy of the Organizational Inventory for each teacher in the school, and (6) follow-up reminders for teachers.

4. An unrecorded number appeared on the Dogmatism Scale and the Principal Orientation Inventory; this same number was also placed on the teachers' Organizational Inventory. This procedure served to pair responses of the principal and teachers within a school, but the school was not identified nor was the principal or teachers; therefore, anonymity could be assured.

5. Principals and teachers were requested to mail their responses directly to the writer within a week after receiving the instrument, using the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided for that purpose. A follow-up procedure on principals was made possible by requesting that the postal card, which had each principal's name typed on it and which was attached, be returned when the principal had completed and mailed the instruments. A general reminder directed to teachers was included in the packet, and principals

were requested to distribute these to each teacher in his building one week after the teachers had received the Organizational Inventory.

Instrumentation

Three questionnaire-type instruments designed to measure the basic variables involved were used in this study: (1) the belief system of the principal as measured by Rokeach's Dogmatism Scale, Form E;¹ (2) the rule orientation of the principal as measured by the Principal Orientation Inventory, an original measure developed especially for this study; and (3) the degree of school bureaucracy as measured by Hall's Organizational Inventory.² Copies of covering letters and these instruments are included in Appendix A and B.

The Dogmatism Scale, Form E

Developed primarily to measure individual differences in openness or closedness of belief systems, this scale also served to measure general authoritarianism and general intolerance. The instrument used included fifty-five items; however, only forty of these items consisted of the Dogmatism Scale. Reliability scores from .68 to .93 with a median of .74 have been obtained for this instrument.³ The Method

¹Rokeach, op. cit., pp. 71-80.

²Hall, op. cit., pp. 104-108.

³Rokeach, op. cit., pp. 89-90.

of Known Groups was used to determine whether the scale was valid.⁴

Respondents were asked to mark the degree of agreement or disagreement on a six-point scale ranging from -3 to +3, with the zero point excluded to force responses toward disagreement or agreement. Subsequently this was converted, for scoring purposes, to a 1-7 scale by adding a constant of 4 to each item score. The total score was the sum scores obtained on all items in the test. For all statements, agreement was scored as closed, disagreement as open. Thus those principals with high scores on the Dogmatism Scale were considered to have closed belief systems, and those scoring low were considered to have open belief systems.

This scale measured three aspects of the open and closed belief system. The belief--disbelief dimension existed with the following characteristics: degree of rejection of disbelief system, degree of differentiation of belief system as compared with disbelief system, and the degree of differentiation within the belief system.⁵ The central-peripheral dimension also existed which Rokeach described as:

. . . the more closed a person's belief system, the more he should evaluate others according to their agreement or disagreement with his own system; also, the more difficult should it be

⁴Ibid., pp. 101-108.

⁵Ibid., p. 62.

to discriminate between and separately evaluate a belief and the person holding the belief. Conversely, the more open the belief system, the less should beliefs held in common be a criterion for evaluating others, and the more should others be positively valued regardless of their beliefs. . . .⁶

Another aspect of the open and closed belief systems which the scale measured was the time-perspective dimension which had the following characteristics:

. . . in closed systems, the main cognitive basis is missing from the distinction between the immediate and remote future. Knowledge about the remote future is impossible to refute and, hence, one can be safely preoccupied with it. The more open the system, the more the immediate future should be in service of confirming predictions about the present. It is the other way around in closed systems. Things that happen in the present should be in the service of "confirming" the remote future. For this reason, a narrow, future-oriented time perspective, rather than a more balanced conception of past, present, and immediate future in relation to each other, is also seen to be a defining characteristic of closed systems.⁷

Principal Orientation Inventory

The Principal Orientation Inventory, a questionnaire-type instrument, was composed of twenty incidents designed to measure a principal's orientation towards the use of rules in discretionary decision-making situations. To obscure the basic measure of rule orientation, the title omitted any reference to "rule".

Cases used in this instrument were derived from the experiences of different principals on the elementary and secondary level. From the original instrument which was

⁶Ibid., p. 63.

⁷Ibid., p. 64.

composed of forty items, five items were eliminated due to lack of application. The remaining thirty-five cases were pretested on a group of forty-nine persons engaged in graduate level school administration courses at the University of Oklahoma. Many of these people held various positions in school administration. Each of the thirty-five items in the Principal Orientation Inventory constituted a short descriptive situation involving rules, regulations, or policies. In each instance, the principal involved in the incident made some type of decision regarding interpretation or application of a rule. Nineteen cases were composed of incidents in which the principal made a decision in favor of a rule (rule-oriented); but in sixteen cases the principals did not support the rule involved (less rule-oriented). Respondents in the pretest were instructed to mark their agreement or disagreement with the principal's decision in the incident on a five point scale: strongly agree, agree, undecided, disagree, strongly disagree. Rule-oriented responses of the principal were scored 5-1 from strongly agree to strongly disagree; less rule-oriented responses were scored 1-5.

One method of obtaining test validity was to have qualified judges examine the material in regard to content and judge it according to some guideline. In the development of this instrument, a panel of three judges, two professors of educational administration and a principal, judged each of the thirty-five cases on the basis of the

decision of the principal in the incident being rule-oriented or non-rule oriented. A correlation of .87 was ascertained in classifying the cases into the two categories of "rule oriented" and "non-rule oriented" decisions of the principal. A split-half coefficient of reliability of .79 on the pretested instrument was provided by Stanley's formula.⁸ Twenty of the original thirty-five items showing the greatest consistency in differentiating the rule and non-rule responses were selected for inclusion in the final measure.

In the final instrument composed of twenty cases, eleven of the items were judged rule oriented and nine were judged non rule oriented. The cases were broken down into incidents of school rules for students, incidents of rules for teachers, and incidents involving school board policy, and rules made by teachers. Table 1 gives the item number of each category.

The distribution of cases was not intended to represent the types of situations encountered most frequently by principals. However, this distribution did provide a range of items which involved discretionary decision making by school principals in the daily operations of their schools. The four areas designated in Table 1 do indicate a basic

⁸ Julian C. Stanley, "A Simplified Procedure for Estimating the Split-Half Reliability Coefficient of a Test," Harvard Educational Review, XXI (Fall, 1951), pp. 221-224.

TABLE 1

CLASSIFICATION OF ITEMS ON THE PRINCIPAL
ORIENTATION INVENTORY

| Type of Item | Incident Number | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| | Rules for Students | Rules for Teachers | School Board Policy | Rules by Teachers |
| Rule Oriented | 2, 9, 11, 12, 16, 18, 20 | 6, 19 | 10 | 14 |
| Non-Rule Oriented | 1, 3, 17 | 8, 13, 15 | 4, 7 | 5 |

grouping which exists regarding rules, regulations, and policies which often demand decisions.

The Organizational Inventory

The Organizational Inventory, developed by Hall,⁹ a questionnaire-type instrument, utilized six principles of bureaucracy in the form of six bureaucratic scales: (1) hierarchy of authority, (2) division of labor, (3) rules for incumbents, (4) procedural specifications, (5) impersonality, and (6) technical competency. Each dimension constituted a different measure of that particular principle of bureaucracy. The hierarchy of authority dimension deals with the feeling of organizational employees regarding superior authority. Job attitudes concerning variety of work,

⁹Hall, op. cit., pp. 104-108.

specificness of work and levels of work are contained in the division of labor dimension. Having a rules manual, following written regulations, and applications of rules are examples of the rules dimension. The procedures dimension examines procedural emphasis concerning individual problems, decision making, personal judgment, and superior authority. The impersonality dimension deals with the feelings of the individual in his personal and social relationships within the organization. Such things as hiring, promotions, qualifications, and evaluations reflect the technical qualification dimension.

There were sixty-two items in the instrument. All of the bureaucratic dimensions had ten items each with scores ranging from 10-50, except the hierarchy of authority dimension which had twelve items with scores ranging from 12-60. Reliability for the six scales ranged from .80 to .90.¹⁰ The instrument was made up of short statements concerning organizations which reflected the six bureaucratic dimensions. The respondent was asked to indicate whether the particular statement described his organization as follows: definitely true, partially true, undecided, partially false, or definitely false. The analysis of each school organization was accomplished by totaling all of the respondents' scores on the six bureaucratic scales and determining the mean score of each school. Low scores indicated a high

¹⁰Ibid., p. 20.

degree of bureaucracy perceived by teachers; high scores indicated a low degree of bureaucracy. Examples of items from each scale are as follows:

1. Hierarchy of authority scale: "A person can make his own decisions without checking with anyone else."
2. Division of labor scale: "One thing people like around here is the variety of work."
3. System of rules scale: "Most people here make their own rules on the job."
4. System of procedures scale: "We are to follow strict operating procedures at all times."
5. Impersonality scale: "No matter how serious a person's problem is, he is treated the same as anyone else."
6. Technical competence scale: "Employees are periodically evaluated to see how well they are doing."

Population Response

Each principal in the school system was requested to complete the Dogmatism Scale and the Principal Orientation Inventory. Each teacher was requested to complete the Organizational Inventory. The overall response is indicated in Table 2.

TABLE 2

POPULATION RESPONSE

| Level | Teachers Surveyed | Response | Per- centage | Principals Surveyed | Response | Per- centage |
|------------|----------------------|----------|-----------------|------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Elementary | 728 | 557 | 76.6 | 34 | 34 | 100 |
| Secondary | 645 | 565 | 87.8 | 12 | 12 | 100 |
| Total | 1373 | 1122 | 81.9 | 46 | 46 | 100 |

Statistical Methods

The Dogmatism Scale, Principal Orientation Inventory, and the Organizational Inventory respectively measured the belief system of the individual principal, the rule orientation of the principal, and the degree of bureaucracy, as perceived by teachers, within the individual school. These constituted the major variables of the study and were examined through the use of three nonparametric tests. To explore the relationships (1) between the belief system of the principals and rule orientation of principals, (2) between the belief system of principals and the degree of bureaucracy perceived by teachers, and (3) between the rule-orientation of principals and the degree of bureaucracy perceived by teachers, the Spearman rank order correlation coefficient test was utilized. The following formula was used:¹¹

$$R = 1 - \frac{6 \sum (X-Y)^2}{N(N^2-1)}$$

To determine the significance of the rank order correlation coefficient, a transformation was used:¹²

$Z = R \sqrt{N-1}$ and each relationship was tested under the null hypothesis of no significant difference at the .05 level using a two tail test. A Z score greater than 1.96 or -1.96 had to be obtained to reject the null hypothesis

¹¹George N. Weinburg and John Schumaker, Statistics: An Intuitive Approach (Belmont, Calif.: Wadsworth Publishing Co., 1965), p. 293.

¹²Ibid., p. 296.

and demonstrate that a significant relationship existed. Acceptance of the null hypothesis indicated that the data were not related at the .05 level of significance.

Differences between elementary and secondary principals on (1) belief systems and (2) rule orientation were examined through the use of the Mann-Whitney U test. When the forty-six principals were broken down by level, unequal N's of thirty-four and twelve resulted. The means of the two groups were compared by obtaining a U score based on the sum of the ranks. The U score was obtained by using the following formula:¹³

$$\underline{U} = n_1 n_2 + \frac{n_1 (n_1 + 1)}{2} - R_1$$

The sampling distribution of the mean of U was $\frac{n_1 n_2}{2}$ and the standard deviation of U was $\frac{\sqrt{n_1 n_2 (n_1 + n_2 + 1)}}{12}$. The U score, U mean, and standard deviation of U were used to compute a Z score when N was greater than twenty. The Z score formula was $\underline{Z} = \frac{\underline{U} - H_U}{\sigma_U}$. In order to reject the null hypothesis of no significant differences at the .05 level using a two tail test, a Z score greater than 1.96 or -1.96 had to be obtained, which indicated that the data were not from the same population and that a significant difference did exist. Acceptance of the null hypothesis denoted that there were no significant differences in the two groups considered.

¹³John E. Fruend, Modern Elementary Statistics (Englewood, N.J.: Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1960), pp. 296-300.

Statistical analysis of the variables of teacher age, sex, and teaching experience, along with school size and organizational level, to teacher perceived bureaucracy were treated through the use of the chi-square method. The following formula was used:¹⁴ $\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(O-E)^2}{E}$. The null hypothesis of no significant differences was used for each chi-square test. All tests were two-by-two crossbreak tables with one degree of freedom. In order for the null hypothesis to be rejected, the derived chi-square had to be larger than 3.841 at the .05 level of significance. To be significant at the .01 level, the derived chi-square had to be greater than 6.635. If the derived chi-square was smaller than the .05 level of significance with one degree of freedom, the decision was made to accept the null hypothesis of no significant difference; therefore, the variables considered would not be related.

Scoring and Programming the Data

Since forty-six principals were administered the Dogmatism Scale and the Principal Orientation Inventory, these measures were scored by hand, and the results of the statistical tests which were applied to the data were derived through the use of an electric calculator.

In order to handle the large quantity of data obtained through the Organizational Inventory, processing of the data

¹⁴Weinburg, op. cit., p. 219.

was accomplished through the use of computer programming. The identification and personal data for each teacher and the answering responses to the questionnaire were punched on an IBM card. The data were then programmed on an IBM 1410 computer at the Oklahoma University Computer Laboratory to obtain (1) a score for each teacher on each of the six bureaucratic dimensions on the Organizational Inventory, (2) a mean for each of the forty-six schools on each of the six bureaucratic dimensions, (3) a standard deviation for each of the forty-six schools on each of the six bureaucratic dimensions, and (4) a total mean and standard deviation for the complete sample for each of the six bureaucratic dimensions. Other statistical information was derived through the use of the statistical sorter in the statistical laboratory of the Oklahoma University Department of Education. Resulting data were computed on an electric calculator at the statistical laboratory and applied to the various statistical tests involved in the investigation.

CHAPTER IV

ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF DATA

The purpose of this chapter is to provide an analysis and interpretation of the data and comparison of the results of the several treatments with the results of previous studies. The descriptions of the treatments of the data were organized around the presentation of data tables. Raw data of principal scores on the Dogmatism scale and the Principal Orientation Inventory, along with the raw data of school means of teacher-perceived bureaucracy, appears in Appendix C. Discussion of the data was approached through the consideration of each of the hypotheses used to test the theoretical model of the study. Data pertinent to each hypothesis was presented in the appropriate tables.

The null hypothesis of no significant differences was used to test each stated hypothesis in the study. In order to prove significance, the .05 level of confidence was used. Tests which derived Z scores had to achieve a score of 1.96 to be significant at the .05 level of confidence and 2.58 at the .01 level. Chi-square tests were made through the use of two-by-two crossbreak tables with one

degree of freedom. At the .05 level of significance derived chi-squares had to be larger than 3.841; at the .01 level the computed chi-square had to be larger than 6.635.

Presentation of Data

The various tests of significance involved 46 principals and 1122 teachers. Thirty-four of the principals were on the elementary level, and of that number two were female. Twelve of the principals were on the secondary level, and of that number all were male. Table 3 indicates the breakdown of the responding teachers in the sample.

As shown in Table 3, approximately one-fourth of the responding teachers were male and three-fourths were female. It should be pointed out that only a very small percentage of the males were located in the elementary schools; consequently, 82 per cent of the males were located in the secondary schools. Therefore, of approximately one-half of the responding teachers on the elementary level, the majority were female. On the secondary level there were approximately 8 per cent more females than males.

The responding teachers were represented predominately in the younger age bracket. One-third of the teachers were in the middle-age bracket, and one-fifth in the older age bracket. Approximately two-thirds of those in the sample had from 0-15 years of teaching experience, one-fourth in the 16-30 year bracket, and one-eighth in the most teaching

TABLE 3

DATA ON RESPONDING TEACHERS

| | Elementary | | Secondary | | Total | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|--------|------------|
| | Number | Percentage | Number | Percentage | Number | Percentage |
| Sex | | | | | | |
| Male | 52 | 4.7 | 237 | 21.1 | 289 | 25.8 |
| Female | 505 | 45.0 | 328 | 29.2 | 833 | 74.2 |
| Total | 557 | 49.7 | 565 | 50.3 | 1122 | 100.0 |
| Age | | | | | | |
| 21-35 | 236 | 21.0 | 277 | 24.6 | 513 | 45.7 |
| 36-50 | 186 | 16.7 | 184 | 16.4 | 370 | 33.0 |
| 51-65 | 135 | 12.0 | 104 | 9.3 | 239 | 21.3 |
| Total | 557 | 49.7 | 565 | 50.3 | 1122 | 100.0 |
| Experience | | | | | | |
| 0-15 | 354 | 31.6 | 371 | 33.1 | 725 | 64.6 |
| 16-30 | 140 | 12.5 | 126 | 11.2 | 266 | 23.7 |
| 31-45 | 63 | 5.6 | 68 | 6.0 | 131 | 11.7 |
| Total | 557 | 49.7 | 565 | 50.3 | 1122 | 100.0 |
| School Size | | | | | | |
| Below | | | | | | |
| 499 | 253 | 22.5 | ... | | 253 | 22.6 |
| 500-999 | 304 | 27.2 | 162 | 14.4 | 466 | 41.5 |
| 1000-1499 | ... | | 211 | 18.8 | 211 | 18.8 |
| Above | | | | | | |
| 1500 | ... | | 192 | 17.1 | 192 | 17.1 |
| Total | 557 | 49.7 | 565 | 50.3 | 1122 | 100.0 |

experience range. This group was quite evenly divided between the elementary and secondary level of each experience bracket.

Almost two-thirds of the responding teachers taught in schools of less than 1000 pupil enrollment; one third taught in schools of more than 1000 pupil enrollment. All

schools above 1000 enrollment were on the secondary level; conversely, all schools below 500 were on the elementary level. Approximately one-half of the teachers in the sample taught in schools of between 500-999 pupil enrollment.

The total respondent group may be described as a comparatively young teaching staff, with the majority of the teachers having less than sixteen years of teaching experience. The elementary schools were predominately female teachers; the secondary schools contained slightly fewer males than females. A majority of the teachers taught in schools of less than 1000 pupils, with the largest percentage in schools of 500-999, which reflected both elementary and secondary levels.

Ho 1: There will be no significant difference between principals who are more rule oriented with open-belief systems and principals who are less rule oriented with closed-belief systems.

Scores in Table 4 were ranked from 1-46, low scores to high scores, and the table consists of the ranks of principals' scores on the Dogmatism Scale and the Principal Orientation Inventory. Low scores represented open-belief systems and less rule orientation, while high scores represented closed-belief systems and more rule orientation.

The null hypothesis of no significant differences at the .05 level was rejected. The derived Z score indicated that the belief system and rule orientation were related beyond the .01 level of significance. By rejecting the null

TABLE 4

RANK ORDER CORRELATION OF PRINCIPALS' BELIEF
SYSTEMS AND RULE ORIENTATION

| Belief System | Rule Orientation | Difference | Belief System | Rule Orientation | Difference |
|------------------|---------------------|------------|------------------|---------------------|------------|
| 1.0 | 29.5 | -28.5 | 24.0 | 19.5 | 4.5 |
| 2.0 | 9.5 | - 7.5 | 25.0 | 44.0 | -19.0 |
| 3.0 | 6.0 | - 3.0 | 26.0 | 19.5 | 6.5 |
| 4.5 | 3.0 | 1.5 | 27.5 | 46.0 | -18.5 |
| 4.5 | 6.0 | - 1.5 | 27.5 | 25.0 | 2.5 |
| 6.0 | .5 | 5.5 | 29.5 | 34.5 | - 5.0 |
| 7.0 | 15.5 | - 8.5 | 29.5 | 37.5 | - 8.0 |
| 8.5 | 15.5 | - 7.0 | 31.0 | 15.5 | 15.5 |
| 8.5 | 29.5 | -21.0 | 32.0 | 6.0 | 26.0 |
| 10.0 | 29.5 | -19.5 | 33.0 | 32.0 | 1.0 |
| 11.0 | 41.5 | -30.5 | 34.0 | 36.0 | - 2.0 |
| 12.5 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 35.5 | 23.0 | 12.5 |
| 12.5 | 21.5 | - 9.0 | 35.5 | 40.0 | - 4.5 |
| 15.0 | 12.0 | 3.0 | 37.0 | 25.0 | 12.0 |
| 15.0 | 15.5 | - .5 | 38.0 | 29.5 | 8.5 |
| 15.0 | 6.0 | 9.0 | 39.0 | 28.0 | 11.0 |
| 17.0 | 37.5 | -20.5 | 40.0 | 43.0 | - 3.0 |
| 18.5 | 39.0 | -20.5 | 41.0 | 25.0 | 16.0 |
| 18.5 | 18.0 | .5 | 43.0 | 28.0 | 15.0 |
| 20.0 | 9.5 | 10.5 | 43.0 | 45.0 | - 2.0 |
| 21.0 | 12.0 | 9.0 | 43.0 | 28.0 | 15.0 |
| 22.5 | 21.5 | 1.0 | 45.0 | 41.5 | 3.5 |
| 22.5 | 12.0 | 10.5 | 46.0 | 34.5 | 11.5 |

$$d^2 = 7300.50$$

$$r = .55$$

$$\underline{Z} = 3.69^a$$

^aSignificant beyond the .01 level.

hypothesis, it can be concluded that, in this sample, principals with open-belief systems were inclined to be less rule oriented in discretionary decision-making situations. Principals with closed-belief systems tended to be more rule oriented. As the belief system of the principal varied along

a continuum, the rule orientation of the principal varied in the same direction.

The data collected in this study supported the construct that the principals' belief systems varied from open to closed. Also, as the belief system varied, so did the rule orientation of the principal. Principals with more open-belief systems were inclined to be less rule oriented, while principals with closed-belief systems tended to be more rule oriented.

Several factors characterize the school principal, regarding belief system, which may be related from other studies. For example, principals with open-belief systems are less custodial in pupil control than principals with closed-belief systems.¹ In addition, those whose belief systems are considered as open or closed are apt to change their values over a period of time;² open individuals have more ability than closed-minded persons to engage successfully in critical thinking.³

Ho 2: There will be no significant difference between the degree of bureaucracy as perceived by teachers and the individual belief system of the principal.

¹Hoy, op. cit., p. 49.

²Gratton G. Kemp, op. cit., pp. 335-346.

³Gratton G. Kemp, "Effect of Dogmatism on Critical Thinking," School Science Mathematics, LX (April, 1960), pp. 314-319.

The scores in Table 5 were ranked from open (low scores) to closed (high scores) on the Dogmatism Scale; the degree of teacher perceived bureaucracy was ranked from less bureaucratic (high scores) to more bureaucratic (low scores).

TABLE 5
RANK ORDER CORRELATION OF BELIEF
SYSTEMS AND BUREAUCRACY

| Bureaucratic Dimension | | | | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------|------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Hierarchy of Authority | Division of Labor | Rules | Procedures | Imperson- ality | Technical Qualifica- tions |
| r | -.06 | .16 | -.22 | -.14 | -.24 | .14 |
| <u>Z</u> | -.41 | 1.07 | -1.48 | -.93 | -1.61 | .94 |

The null hypothesis of no significant difference was accepted on all dimensions, indicating that the degree of teacher perceived bureaucracy in the school was not significantly related to the belief system of the principal. Small negative and positive relationships were noted in various dimensions but not to the extent of reaching the .05 level of significance.

The results of this hypothesis seemed to indicate that other factors exist which exerted a more powerful influence over teacher perceptions of bureaucracy than the individual belief system of the principal. Teacher variables such as age and sex may be influencing elements which tend to

negate a relationship between principal's belief system and teacher perceptions of bureaucracy. There was also an indication that the system wide bureaucratic norm may transcend the influence of the individual behaviors of the school principal. In this context, despite the particular belief system of the principal, teachers may be more inclined to be influenced in their perceptions by the total operations of the entire system rather than the operation of the principal in the local school.

Ho 3: There will be no significant difference between the rule orientation of principals and the degree of bureaucracy perceived by teachers in their schools.

In Table 6, scores on the Principal Orientation Inventory were ranked from less rule oriented (low scores) to more rule oriented (high scores); the degree of teacher-perceived bureaucracy was ranked from less bureaucratic (high scores) to more bureaucratic (low scores).

There were no significant correlations on any of the six bureaucratic dimensions; therefore, the null hypothesis of no significant differences was accepted. This sample of principals and teachers indicated no relationship between the rule orientation of principals and the degree of teacher-perceived bureaucracy within the school. A principal may be highly rule oriented in discretionary decision making situations, but this does not necessarily influence the perceptions of teachers in viewing the bureaucracy in the school.

TABLE 6

RANK ORDER CORRELATION OF RULE
ORIENTATION AND BUREAUCRACY

| | Bureaucratic Dimension | | | | | |
|----------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------|------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Hierarchy of Authority | Division of Labor | Rules | Procedures | Imperson- ality | Technical Qualifica- tions |
| r | -.06 | .16 | -.14 | -.05 | -.09 | .06 |
| <u>Z</u> | -.41 | 1.07 | -.94 | -.34 | -.60 | .41 |

As the belief system of the principal did not necessarily affect teacher perceptions of school bureaucracy, neither did the rule orientation of the principal. Less rule-oriented principals were found to have schools with perceived bureaucracy as high as that of more rule-oriented principals. The study of Esser and Strother which used rule orientation as a measure of bureaucratization of an organization cannot be supported by the findings of the present study when the perceptions of those subordinates within the organization are considered. The principal may be rule oriented, but still have a relatively low degree of teacher-perceived bureaucracy in his school.

As in the case of principal belief systems, it seems that basic teacher variables and the school system bureaucratic norm represents more of an influential determinate in teacher perceptions than whether a principal was more rule oriented or less rule oriented in his behavior.

Ho 4: There will be no significant differences between elementary and secondary school principals in terms of (a) belief systems or (b) rule orientation.

(a) All principals were ranked from open belief system (low scores) to closed belief system (high scores) on the Dogmatism Scale in Table 7. They were then separated according to organizational level and a test was made to determine if there were any significant differences. By using the Mann-Whitney U test, a Z score of -1.83 was derived, which was not significant at the .05 level using a two-tailed test. Consequently, the null hypothesis of no significant difference was accepted.

TABLE 7
ORGANIZATION LEVEL AND BELIEF SYSTEMS
AND RULE ORIENTATION

| | (a) Belief System | | (b) Rule Orientation | |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| | Elementary | Secondary | Elementary | Secondary |
| N = 46 | n ₂ = 34 | n ₁ = 12 | n ₂ = 34 | n ₁ = 12 |
| Sum of Ranks | 726 | 355 | 787 | 316 |
| Mean of Ranks | 21.4 | 29.6 | 23.14 | 26.3 |
| U Score | | 131 | | 170 |
| Mean of <u>U</u> | | 204 | | 204 |
| SD of <u>U</u> | | 39.98 | | 39.98 |
| <u>Z</u> | | -1.83 | | - .85 |

In this sample of principals, regardless of whether they were elementary or secondary, the belief system did not significantly change with organizational level. Therefore,

elementary and secondary principals differed little in openness or closedness of their belief systems. This finding was supported by Hoy's study in which no differences were found in organizational level with principals; the means of the elementary and secondary principals were almost identical.⁴ In the present study, the mean scores on the Dogmatism Scale of secondary principals were higher than those of elementary principals. However, the differences between the groups in the two studies may be explained by the fact that Hoy's study used a much larger sample of secondary principals than the present investigation.

(a) All principals were ranked from less rule oriented (low scores) to more rule oriented (high scores) on the Principal Orientation Inventory. They were then separated according to organizational level and a test was made to determine if there were any significant differences. By using the Mann-Whitney U test, a Z score of $-.85$ was derived using a two-tailed test; this was not significant at the $.05$ level. Therefore, the null hypothesis of no significant difference was accepted. In this sample, principals did not differ in rule orientation from one organizational level to another.

The study by Morgan⁵ supports the finding that there were no significant differences between elementary and secondary

⁴Hoy, op. cit., pp. 43-70.

⁵Morgan, op. cit., pp. 4390-4391.

principals in regard to rule orientation. Using the nomothetic role, which principals were inclined to assume and which depended on institutional rules and procedures, Morgan found no significant differences between elementary and secondary principals regarding this role. This would tend to disprove a misconception which sometimes exists that secondary principals were inclined to be more oriented toward the use of rules in their operations than elementary principals.

Ho 5: There will be no significant differences between the degree of bureaucracy perceived by elementary and secondary teachers.

All teachers composing the sample were divided at the median on each of the six bureaucratic dimensions by organizational level. Those who appeared below the median (more bureaucratic) were placed in the high cells; those who appeared above the median (less bureaucratic) were placed in the low cells. A chi-square was then calculated to determine if there was any relationship between the level of the teacher and the degree of perceived bureaucracy. Table 8 indicates the results of the chi-square tests.

The results of the table below may be summarized as follows:

1. Hierarchy of authority -- reject the null hypothesis at the .01 level of significance. Secondary teachers perceived the school organization as being more bureaucratic

TABLE 8

ORGANIZATIONAL LEVEL AND BUREAUCRACY

| Bureaucratic Dimension ^c | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----|------------------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
| Hier. of Division Authority of Labor | | Rules | | Procedures | | Imper- sonality | | Tech. Qualif. | | | | | |
| High | Low | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low |
| Elem. | 245 312 | 256 301 | 295 262 | 263 294 | 309 248 | 298 259 | | | | | | | |
| Sec. | 316 249 | 305 260 | 266 299 | 298 267 | 252 313 | 263 302 | | | | | | | |
| χ^2 | 16.01 ^b | 7.22 ^b | 3.88 ^a | 3.43 | 13.27 ^b | 5.42 ^a | | | | | | | |

^aSignificant at the .05 level.

^bSignificant at the .01 level.

^cHigh cells represent more bureaucratic, low cells less bureaucratic.

than elementary teachers on this dimension.

2. Division of labor -- reject the null hypothesis at the .01 level. Secondary teachers perceived the school organization as being more bureaucratic on this dimension.

3. Rules -- reject the null hypothesis at the .05 level of significance. Elementary teachers viewed this dimension as more bureaucratic than secondary teachers.

4. Procedures -- accept the null hypothesis at the .05 level of significance. Little difference was evidenced between elementary and secondary teachers in terms of their perceptions of procedures.

5. Impersonality -- reject the null hypothesis at the .01 level of significance. Elementary teachers perceived

the school organization as more bureaucratic than secondary teachers on this dimension.

6. Technical qualifications -- reject the null hypothesis at the .05 level of significance. Secondary teachers were inclined to see the school organization as more bureaucratic in terms of technical qualifications than elementary teachers.

In testing the following null sub-hypotheses, the teachers in the sample were divided at the median on each of the six bureaucratic dimensions by (1) age, (2) teaching experience, (3) sex, and (4) size of school. Those who appeared below the median (more bureaucratic) were placed in the high cells; those who appeared above the median (less bureaucratic) were placed in the low cells. A chi-square statistic was then calculated to determine if there was any significant relationship between the variables and the degree of teacher-perceived bureaucracy.

Sub Ho 1: There will be no significant difference between the age of teachers and the degree of bureaucracy perceived by teachers.

In order to determine if younger teachers perceived the school organization as more bureaucratic than older teachers, only those teachers in the youngest and oldest age intervals were considered in Table 9.

The null hypothesis of no significant difference was rejected at the .05 level on the dimension of rules and

TABLE 9
TEACHER AGE AND BUREAUCRACY

| Age | Bureaucratic Dimension ^c | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|-------------------------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|----------------|-----|---------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| | Hier. of Authority | | Division of Labor | | Rules Procedures | | Imper-sonality | | Tech. Qualif. | | | |
| | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low |
| 21-35 | 258 | 255 | 260 | 253 | 262 | 251 | 262 | 251 | 253 | 260 | 235 | 278 |
| 51-65 | 116 | 123 | 96 | 143 | 102 | 137 | 109 | 130 | 107 | 132 | 144 | 95 |
| χ^2 | .20 | | 7.23 ^b | | 4.60 ^a | | 1.95 | | 1.35 | | 13.61 ^b | |

^aSignificant at the .05 level.

^bSignificant at the .01 level.

^cHigh cells are more bureaucratic, low cells less bureaucratic.

the .01 level on the dimensions of division of labor and technical qualifications. Younger teachers viewed the school organization as more bureaucratic in division of labor and rules, and less bureaucratic in technical qualifications. The perceptions of older teachers were the reverse of this. The null hypothesis was accepted in terms of hierarchy of authority, procedures, and impersonality. Younger and older teachers, in general, tended to hold similar perceptions of the degree of bureaucracy existing in the school organization concerning these dimensions.

Sub Ho 2: There will be no significant differences between the teaching experience of teachers and the degree of teacher-perceived bureaucracy.

To determine if differences existed in the perceptions of teachers with various number of years of teaching experience, teachers within the first and third experience intervals were compared in Table 10.

TABLE 10
TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND BUREAUCRACY

| Bureaucratic Dimension ^c | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------|------------------|-------------------|-----|------|----------------|------|---------------|--------------------|-----|--|
| Yrs. Exp. | Hier. of Authority | Division of Labor | | Rules Procedures | | | | Imper-sonality | | Tech. Qualif. | | | |
| | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low | |
| 0-15 | 359 | 366 | 364 | 361 | 370 | 355 | 371 | 354 | 355 | 370 | 329 | 396 | |
| 31-45 | 58 | 73 | 63 | 68 | 52 | 79 | 59 | 72 | 60 | 71 | 80 | 51 | |
| χ^2 | 1.22 | | .20 | | 5.71 ^a | | 1.60 | | .45 | | 10.94 ^b | | |

^aSignificant at the .05 level.

^bSignificant at the .01 level.

^cHigh cells are more bureaucratic, low cells less bureaucratic

The null hypothesis was rejected at the .05 level when the dimensions of rules and technical qualifications were considered. Respondent teachers with less teaching experience were inclined to discern the school organization as more bureaucratic in terms of rules; teachers with more experience saw the school as more bureaucratic along the line of technical qualifications. There was no significant relationship between teaching experience and hierarchy of authority, division of labor, procedures, and impersonality.

Sub Ho.3; There will be no significant difference between the sex of teachers and the degree of bureaucracy perceived by teachers.

The null hypothesis of no significant differences was rejected at the .05 level when testing the difference in sex concerning the dimensions of division of labor, rules, and technical qualifications. Table 11 indicates that female teachers were inclined to see the school organization as being more bureaucratic in terms of division of labor, rules, and technical qualifications. Where significant differences did exist, male teachers characteristically felt the school organization less bureaucratic than female teachers.

TABLE 11
TEACHER SEX AND BUREAUCRACY

| Sex | Bureaucratic Dimensions ^c | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|--------------------------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|------|-----|----------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| | Hier. of Authority | | Division of Labor | | Rules Procedures | | | | Imper-sonality | | Tech. Qualif. | |
| | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low |
| Male | 150 | 139 | 125 | 164 | 124 | 165 | 137 | 152 | 141 | 148 | 115 | 174 |
| Female | 411 | 422 | 436 | 397 | 437 | 396 | 424 | 409 | 420 | 413 | 446 | 377 |
| χ^2 | .57 | | 7.09 ^b | | 7.89 ^b | | | | 1.05 | | .23 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 17.37 ^b | |

^aSignificant at the .05 level.

^bSignificant at the .01 level.

^cHigh cells are more bureaucratic, low cells less bureaucratic.

The null hypothesis was accepted in considering the dimensions of hierarchy of authority, procedures, and impersonality. There was no significant difference in the perceptions of male and female teachers regarding these dimensions.

Sub Ho 4: There will be no significant difference between the size of the school and the degree of teacher perceived bureaucracy.

In order to compare the perceptions necessary for this hypothesis, the teachers were divided into two groups according to the size of the school in which they were teaching. Two basic intervals resulted, those teachers in schools of 999 pupil enrollment and below, and those teachers in schools above 999. All of the schools in the latter interval were on the secondary level; those in the former interval were composed of both elementary and secondary schools.

The null hypothesis of no significant differences was rejected at the .05 level in four of the six dimensions--hierarchy of authority, division of labor, rules, and impersonality. Teachers in larger schools tended to view the school organization as more bureaucratic in terms of hierarchy of authority and division of labor. Teachers in smaller schools discerned the school organization as more bureaucratic in terms of rules and impersonality.

The null hypothesis was accepted on two dimensions--procedures and technical qualifications. Table 12 reflects

that, for the most part, teachers in all sizes of schools were inclined to see the school organization as having similar teacher perceived bureaucracy regardless of size when the dimensions of procedures and technical qualifications were tested.

TABLE 12
SCHOOL SIZE AND BUREAUCRACY

| Size | Bureaucratic Dimensions ^c | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|------------|-----|--------------------|-----|---------------|-----|
| | Hier. of Authority | | Division of Labor | | Rules | | Procedures | | Imper-sonality | | Tech. Qualif. | |
| | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low |
| Below 999 | 342 | 377 | 340 | 379 | 380 | 339 | 357 | 362 | 388 | 331 | 373 | 346 |
| Above 999 | 219 | 184 | 221 | 182 | 181 | 222 | 204 | 199 | 173 | 230 | 188 | 215 |
| χ^2 | 4.74 ^a | | 5.89 ^a | | 6.51 ^a | | .10 | | 12.58 ^b | | 2.82 | |

^aSignificant at the .05 level.

^bSignificant at the .01 level.

^cHigh cells are more bureaucratic, low cells less bureaucratic.

Summary

The degree of bureaucracy perceived in a school was not necessarily influenced by the belief system or rule orientation of the principal. Variables of teacher age, sex, and teaching experience, combined with the size of the school and organizational level, provided some explanation for the

variation of the school system bureaucratic norm, rather than the variables associated with the principal. As the bureaucratic norm varied from school to school, there was also variation in the magnitude of the six bureaucratic dimensions in the individual schools. In general, this study was supported by Hall's study which displayed the same characteristic. Means of the business organizations in Hall's study were comparable to those of the school organization with two exceptions.⁶ One exception was that the range of means of teachers on the bureaucratic dimension of hierarchy of authority tended to be much broader. The range of means for school organizations was 27.0 to 44.9 on this dimension; the range of means for business organizations was 33.1 to 38.9. The lower the mean, the more bureaucratic the organization was perceived. As can be noted, teachers appeared to be more sensitive to the existence of the hierarchy of authority in the school organizations than employees in business organizations.

Another exception was that the mean scores of business and school organizations varied on the dimension of rules. The range of means for school organizations was 16.5 to 27.9; the range of means for business organizations was 22.2 to 36.9. The lower the mean, the more bureaucratic the organization was perceived. There does exist some indication

⁶Hall, op. cit., p. 37.

that school organizations may be perceived as being more bureaucratic on this dimension than business organizations. This could point up the importance of rules and regulations in the operation of the school organization.

The bureaucratic dimensions frequently varied from school to school according to teacher sex, age, teaching experience, school size, and organizational level. A summary of the dimensions follows:

1. Hierarchy of authority. Organizational level and size of school seem to be particularly related to the hierarchy of authority dimension. Secondary teachers, especially in the larger schools, felt the school organization was more bureaucratic in this respect. Since the organizational and administrative pattern of the school does tend to become more complex with the increase in size, this finding reflects one of the basic characteristics of the bureaucratic structure. It should be noted, however, that as schools became larger in this sample, they became distinctly secondary in character. Because of this factor, there was no comparison of larger elementary and larger secondary schools.

2. Division of labor. All of the variables were related in some manner to the division of labor dimension, except that of teaching experience. Apparently the fact that a teacher may be less experienced or more experienced does not affect his perceptions regarding this dimension.

Younger female teachers in secondary schools seem to be particularly aware of the operation of this dimension, perceiving the school as being more bureaucratic in this respect. Older female teachers in the elementary schools felt that the school was less bureaucratic on division of labor. This dimension may have the tendency to echo the organizational pattern of the secondary school and to be influenced more in the size of the school than the level of the school.

3. Rules. There was some relationship of all of the teacher variables to the rules dimension. The school organization was perceived as being more bureaucratic by female teachers, younger teachers, less experienced teachers, and teachers in smaller schools and elementary schools. Older, more experienced teachers felt the organization was less bureaucratic. Teachers discerning the school as being more bureaucratic were prone to be more sensitive to its operations in terms of rules concerning the organization itself. Having a rules manual, following written regulations from superiors, and applying rules to teachers in the operation of the school are examples of the rules dimension, often concerning the elementary teacher more than the secondary teacher. In all probability, the outcome of this dimension was largely influenced by whether an individual was male or female. The elementary schools in the investigation were staffed primarily with female teachers; the secondary

schools were comprised of almost one-half male teachers. Discretion must be used in interpreting this data in terms of one level of teaching perceiving the school organization as more bureaucratic than another level.

4. Procedures. Procedures was the only dimension which was not related to any of the variables considered. An argument could be made for the operation of the system-wide bureaucratic norm concerning the procedures dimension. It is possible that school procedures may be so outlined and pursued system-wide, that the bureaucratic norm overcomes the individual operations of principals in the local school. Consequently, teachers in the various schools may see the school organization as a total operation rather than an individual school operation.

5. Impersonality. Organizational level and size of school appear to be related to this dimension, for teachers in the elementary school and teachers in smaller schools viewed the school organization as being more bureaucratic in this respect.

6. Technical qualifications. Apparently, all variables were related to the technical qualifications dimension except school size. Technical qualifications includes hiring, promotions, qualifications, and evaluation. Thus, older female teachers, who had long years of teaching experience, particularly at the elementary level, perceived the school organization as more bureaucratic in

this dimension. Having been a part of the school system for a long period of time, a noticeable sensitivity exists within this group regarding the aspects of technical qualifications. Younger teachers with less teaching experience perceived the school as less bureaucratic in this area.

It may be noted that perception of the school organization as more bureaucratic was characteristic of younger teachers, many of whom were encountering the complexity of the structure for the first time as an employee. However, it would appear that as teachers became older and more experienced, these perceptions seemed to undergo some change, and the school was considered less bureaucratic oftentimes. This transformation may be explained by the concept of accommodation advanced by Presthus. Under this assumption, the large school system could be construed as emphasizing the value of conformity, authority, and success. The younger inexperienced teacher does not necessarily have the appropriate values and defenses to adjust readily to the demands of the large school system. However, as the teacher remains within the organization, he begins to acquire values and defenses necessary to accommodate to the school bureaucracy. Consequently, those institutional demands which are unacceptable to the individual when a younger teacher begin to gain acceptance in later years.

Although some teacher perceptions of school bureaucracy demonstrated differences sufficient to be significant,

these frequently existed in terms of age and sex of teachers. To be considered also is the operation of the bureaucratic norm of the school system, which may conceivably influence perceptions of teachers. A prime example of the bureaucratic norm as a cogent force operating to influence teacher perceptions was the procedures dimension. Following prescribed procedures, stressing use of channels, and routinizing operations are characteristic of this dimension. The procedures dimension was not related to either the principal variables or teacher variables. Functioning throughout the school system, it is possible that teachers felt the bureaucratic dimension operating system-wide rather than at the level of the individual school. The school system bureaucratic norm may exist as a potent force for shaping teacher perceptions of school organizational bureaucracy.

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CHAPTER V

SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Summary

As with many present day social institutions, school systems have increased in size and complexity, resulting in a decidedly more intricate situation for school administration. As this development has progressed, an equally complex administrative machinery has come into existence. The resulting organization features bureaucratic characteristics of size, specialization, hierarchy, rules, procedures, impersonality, and technical competence. Numerous studies have been conducted on administrative behavior and the perceptions of those within the school organization; however, few studies have attempted to relate certain bureaucratic administrative behavior and teacher-perceptions of the bureaucratic structure. The problem of this study was to determine whether the degree of teacher-perceived school bureaucracy varied in different schools, and to determine whether this was related to (1) the orientation of the principal toward rules in discretionary decision making

situations and (2) the belief system characterizing the individual principal.

A model was developed which theorized that principals' belief systems and rule orientation varied along a continuum from an open belief system and less rule orientedness to a closed belief system and more rule orientedness. The degree of organizational bureaucracy was determined by perceptions of teachers. A school system was characterized as having a bureaucratic norm which varied from school to school on a continuum from less bureaucratic to more bureaucratic, according to the belief system and rule orientation of the principal. In this context, principals with open-belief systems, and who were less rule oriented, would tend to have schools in which there was less teacher perceived bureaucracy; principals with closed belief systems, and who were more rule oriented, would tend to have schools in which there was more teacher perceived bureaucracy.

To insure the operations of the principals and teachers under an individual bureaucratic norm, a single, larger school system was utilized in the investigation. The school system involved in this study had an enrollment of over 32,000 scholastics with 1373 teachers and 46 principals. The final sample was composed of 557 elementary teachers and 34 elementary principals, and 565 secondary teachers and 12 secondary principals.

Three questionnaire-type instruments were used to collect the data necessary for the study. The Dogmatism Scale provided the belief system of the principal, and the Principal Orientation Inventory provided the rule orientation of the principal. The Organizational Inventory furnished the degree of bureaucracy perceived by teachers in all schools on six bureaucratic dimensions - hierarchy of authority, division of labor, rules, procedures, impersonality, and technical competence.

Rank order correlation methods were applied to test the relationships (1) between the principal's belief system and rule-orientation, (2) between the principal's belief system and the degree of teacher perceived bureaucracy, and (3) between the principal's rule orientation and the degree of teacher-perceived bureaucracy. The Mann-Whitney U test was used to test for differences between elementary and secondary principals regarding belief systems and rule orientation. The chi-square method was utilized to test for differences between the degree of teacher perceived bureaucracy and (1) teaching level, (2) teacher age, (3) teaching experience, (4) teacher sex, and (5) size of the school.

Data were gathered and the following null hypotheses of no significant differences were tested:

1. There will be no significant difference between principals who are more rule oriented with open belief systems and principals who are less rule oriented with closed belief systems.

2. There will be no significant difference between the degree of bureaucracy as perceived by teachers and the individual belief system of the principal.
3. There will be no significant differences between the rule-orientation of principals and the degree of bureaucracy perceived by teachers in their schools.
4. There will be no significant differences between elementary and secondary school principals in terms of (a) belief system or (b) rule orientation.
5. There will be no significant differences between the degree of bureaucracy perceived by elementary and secondary teachers.

Certain sub-hypotheses were developed in order to treat other variables which were pertinent to the study. The following null hypotheses of no significant differences were tested:

1. There will be no significant difference between the age of teachers and the degree of bureaucracy perceived by teachers.
2. There will be no significant difference between the teaching experience of teachers and the degree of bureaucracy perceived by teachers.
3. There will be no significant difference between the sex of teachers and the degree of bureaucracy perceived by teachers.

4. There will be no significant differences between the size of the school and the degree of bureaucracy perceived by teachers.

Conclusions

The underlying purpose of this study was to determine whether a bureaucratic norm of a school system, as perceived by teachers, was more or less bureaucratic in individual schools and whether this variation was influenced by the belief system or rule orientation of the principal. The following conclusions grew out of the data collected regarding the purpose of the investigation:

1. The belief system and rule orientation of the principal are strongly related. A principal with an open belief system tends to be less rule oriented; a principal with a closed belief system tends to be more rule oriented. As the belief system of the principal becomes more open, there is less reliance placed upon rules in discretionary decision-making situations and more concern for the individual. A more closed belief system reflects a tendency for the principal to rely more on rules to assist in making decisions involving the individual.

Morgan¹ found that principals demonstrated some inclination toward a nomothetic role with its emphasis on

¹Morgan, loc. cit.

institutional rules and procedures. In this context, the nomothetic role could represent the more rule oriented principal with a closed belief system. The contrasting role would be considered the ideographic with its emphasis on the individual personality and needs disposition. The ideographic role could represent the less rule oriented principal with an open belief system.

2. Elementary and secondary principals do not vary significantly in their belief systems or in rule orientation. A misconception which sometimes exists is that elementary principals are oriented towards the use of rules to a lesser degree than secondary principals. The findings of this study refute this idea, and these are supported by Morgan's study² which pointed out that even though there was a tendency for principals to be inclined toward the nomothetic role, there was no significant difference regarding elementary or secondary principals being more inclined toward the nomothetic role as a group. A study by Hoy³ also supports the finding that there are no significant differences between elementary and secondary principals in terms of belief system.

3. In this sample of principals and teachers no relationship was discovered regarding the principal's belief system and rule orientation to the degree of teacher perceived bureaucracy in the school. This finding did not support the

²Ibid.

³Hoy, op. cit., pp. 43-70.

concept that rule orientation could be used as a measure of organizational bureaucracy, according to employee perceptions. An official may be rule oriented, but subordinates could perceive the organization as operating less bureaucratically.

4. The bureaucratic norm of the school system varies from school to school, but not according to the belief system and rule orientation of the principal. It is influenced, to some extent, by basic teacher variables such as sex, age, and teaching experience.

Generally, where differences exist in teacher perceptions of school bureaucracy, female teachers will tend to feel the organization is more bureaucratic than male teachers, and younger teachers are inclined to feel it is more bureaucratic than older teachers. Since the composition of the elementary teaching staff is predominately female, and the secondary teaching staff is rather evenly balanced in this regard, other variables of organizational level and school size appear to reflect results which are influenced by the teacher sex factor.

According to the variables considered with teachers on the six bureaucratic dimensions, the following conclusions appear warranted:

- a. Age - where differences exist, younger teachers will view the school organization as being more bureaucratic than older teachers on the dimensions of division of labor and rules. Older teachers

will view the school organization as more bureaucratic in the area of technical competence.

- b. Teaching experience - less experienced teachers will view the school organization as being more bureaucratic in terms of the rules dimension. More experienced teachers will tend to see the school as more bureaucratic regarding the technical competence dimension.
- c. Sex - where differences exist, female teachers will be inclined toward perceiving the school organization as being more bureaucratic than male teachers.
- d. School size - teachers in larger schools have an inclination towards perceiving the school organization as being more bureaucratic in terms of hierarchy of authority and division of labor. Teachers in smaller schools feel the school as being more bureaucratic in terms of rules and impersonality.
- e. Organizational level - secondary teachers often discern the school organization as being more bureaucratic regarding the dimensions of hierarchy of authority and division of labor, and elementary teachers regarding the dimensions of rules, impersonality, and technical competence.

5. The bureaucratic dimensions exist along a continuum and vary independently of each other in magnitude; therefore, bureaucracy perceived by teachers tends to be a matter of degree, rather than a dichotomy of its presence or absence. This same characteristic was also noted in the study conducted by Hall.⁴ In comparison with Hall's study, it was noted that teacher-perceived bureaucracy may tend to differ from perceived bureaucracy in business organizations in terms of hierarchy of authority and rules. Some indication exists that teachers might see the hierarchy of authority dimension working on a broader plane than business employees. Furthermore, teachers may view the school organization as being more bureaucratic in regard to the rules dimension than employees would view the business organization.

6. The tendency of teachers to see the school organization as less bureaucratic in their older years appears to support the theory of organizational accommodation proposed by Presthus. As a result of this accommodation to the demands of the institution, teachers would be inclined to accept the values of the organization as they grow older, and to develop the necessary defenses to remain in the structure without the serious conflict which they may have encountered as younger teachers.

⁴Hall, op. cit.

7. The bureaucratic norms emanating from the central office of a school system may have a greater influence and act more powerfully on teachers' perceptions, as defined by the six bureaucratic dimensions, than the bureaucratic nature of the individual school. Often these bureaucratic norms represent system-wide policy, regulations, and procedures over which the principal may exercise little intercessory influence. The principal, therefore, tends to operate in a narrowly prescribed framework and finds it difficult to modify, to any appreciable extent, the power of the system-wide bureaucratic norms on teacher perceptions. Consequently, these central office operations are more monolithic in their impact on perceptions of teachers than other norms representing differences in structure and administrative behavior existing among individual schools.

Recommendations

Findings and conclusions of this study purport the following recommendations:

1. Since this sample was limited to forty-six principals, it is recommended that the relationship of the belief system and rule orientation be broadened to include a wider sample of principals in various school systems and a comparative analysis between principals and assistant principals in the same school.

2. The findings of this study were based on a single, larger school system. It is suggested that a study be made

of various types and sizes of school systems regarding the difference in teacher-perceived bureaucracy.

3. The degree of bureaucracy as perceived by superiors and subordinates in school systems warrants investigation to determine how these perceptions differ.

4. Further study should be conducted on the principals' belief systems, rule orientation, and the decision-making process in school administration.

5. Additional study is suggested relative to the perceptions of teachers regarding school organization bureaucracy as compared with perceptions of employees in business organizations and the manner in which they may differ.

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APPENDIX A

CORRESPONDENCE RELATED TO THE STUDY

108H West Constitution
Norman, Oklahoma
November 15, 1966

Richard H. Hall, Assistant Professor
Department of Sociology
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Dr. Hall:

I am presently engaged in developing a doctoral prospectus under the direction of Dr. Robert E. Ohm, Department of Education, at the University of Oklahoma. The problem will be concerned with an investigation of the school bureaucracy and certain administrative behavior of school principals, and I am interested in using the measurement of organizational bureaucracy which you have developed. I would appreciate your approval for the use of this instrument in this study.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jim L. Kidd

cc: Dr. Robert E. Ohm

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November 18, 1966

Mr. Jim L. Kidd
108-H West Constitution
Norman, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Kidd:

Thank you for your letter of inquiry regarding the bureaucracy scales. I would be most happy to see you use them. You might check an article by Michael Aiken and Jerald Hage in the August, 1966 American Sociological Review in which they suggest that on the basis of factor analysis, some separate dimensions emerge from the six which I used.

Good luck on your research. If possible, I would like to have any reports of your research as they become available if this is possible, since I have recently applied some of the same items to a number of professional organizations, including schools.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Hall
Associate Prof.

108-H West Constitution
Norman, Oklahoma
November 15, 1966

Milton Rokeach, Professor of Psychology
Department of Psychology
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Dr. Rokeach:

I am presently engaged in developing a doctoral prospectus under the direction of Dr. Robert E. Ohm at the University of Oklahoma. I am interested in using the Dogmatism Scale developed by you in conjunction with a study of organizational bureaucracy and administrative behavior of school principals. I would appreciate your approval for the use of this instrument in this study.

Sincerely,

Jim L. Kidd

cc: Dr. Robert E. Ohm

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY East Lansing . Michigan 48823

Department of Psychology . Olds Hall

December 1, 1966

Mr. Jim L. Kidd
108-H West Constitution
Norman, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Kidd:

You certainly have my permission to use the Dogmatism Scale for research purposes. All you have to do is mimeograph it yourself with the instructions from The Open and Closed Mind. May I suggest, however, that you mix up the items well, and, if possible pad them with a few items from any other scale that you care to choose. It doesn't matter how you mix them up and it doesn't matter what items you use to pad them with.

I certainly hope that you will furnish me with a copy of the results of your research.

Sincerely yours,

Milton Rokeach
Professor

MR/jeh

February 1, 1967

Dear _____

Recently Mr. Ashworth granted his approval for conducting research for a doctoral dissertation in the Amarillo School System. Your assistance by participating in this study is very important. The investigation will be concerned with (1) the way school principals think about various things and their reactions to certain decision-making situations and (2) the manner in which teachers perceive the school organization.

An outline of the data-collecting procedure is as follows:

1. The package which you received contains three kinds of questionnaire-type instruments; two are to be completed by the principal and one is to be completed by the teachers.
2. The principal is requested to complete those instruments entitled (1) Dogmatism Scale and (2) Principal Orientation Inventory. These are self administering and should require less than an hour to complete. Please return these within a week after you receive them in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided for you.
3. A post card is attached to the principal's questionnaires. When you have returned the questionnaires, please mail the attached card.
4. The third questionnaire, entitled Organization Inventory, is to be completed by teachers and should require less than thirty minutes to fill out. Please distribute one of these to each teacher in your building. They are requested to complete the questionnaires and return them by mail within a week after they are received. A week after the questionnaires have been distributed, it would be helpful if you would place the memos included in the packet in the boxes of teachers to remind them to return the questionnaires.
5. Since there is no necessity for identification, please do not identify yourself or your school in any way. All principals and teachers will be anonymous participants in the study.

Realizing that your time is valuable, let me assure you that your assistance is important to the success of this endeavor. I will be grateful for your cooperation and interest.

Cordially,

Jim Kidd

February 1, 1967

To Teachers:

Mr. Robert Ashworth has given his approval for conducting research for a doctoral dissertation in the Amarillo School System. This study will involve both principals and teachers. Therefore, attached you will find a questionnaire which contains various statements about organizations. You are asked to complete the questionnaire, indicating the degree to which you feel that these statements are true in regard to your school organization.

Please complete the questionnaire within a week and mail it, using the self-addressed, stamped envelope which has been provided. All responses remain absolutely anonymous since identification is not necessary for a study of this nature.

The importance of your participation in this study cannot be overly emphasized, for the success of the research depends largely on the participation of you, the teacher. The demands on a teacher's time are numerous, however, your efforts will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jim L. Kidd

February 8, 1967

To Teachers:

Last week questionnaires were provided teachers regarding organizational information to be used in a doctoral study. Many teachers have returned the completed questionnaire; if you have not already done so, would you please return the questionnaire within the next few days. Your information is quite valuable to this study. If you have already responded, I would like to express my appreciation for your participation and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Jim L. Kidd

APPENDIX B

COPY OF INSTRUMENTS USED IN THE STUDY

DOGMATISM SCALE

The following is a study of what the general public thinks and feels about a number of important social and personal questions. The best answer to each statement below is your personal opinion. We have tried to cover many different and opposing points of view; you may find yourself agreeing strongly with some of the statements, disagreeing just as strongly with others, and perhaps uncertain about others; whether you agree or disagree with any statement, you can be sure that many people feel the same as you do.

Mark each statement in the left margin according to how much you agree or disagree with it. Please mark every one. Write +1, +2, +3, -1, -2, -3 depending on how you feel in each case.

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| +1: I AGREE A LITTLE | -1: I DISAGREE A LITTLE |
| +2: I AGREE ON THE WHOLE | -2: I DISAGREE ON THE WHOLE |
| +3: I AGREE VERY MUCH | -3: I DISAGREE VERY MUCH |

- ___ 1.* A good leader should be able to follow others at times.
- ___ 2. The United States and Russia have just about nothing in common.
- ___ 3. The highest form of government is a democracy and the highest form of democracy is a government run by those who are the most intelligent.
- ___ 4.* When I change my ideas because of others, I feel it is a sign of weakness.
- ___ 5. Even though freedom of speech for all groups is a worthwhile goal, it is unfortunately necessary to restrict the freedom of certain political groups.
- ___ 6. It is only natural that a person would have a much better acquaintance with ideas he believes in than with ideas he opposes.
- ___ 7.* Superiors occupy their positions because they are often more intelligent.
- ___ 8. Man on his own is a helpless and miserable creature.
- ___ 9. Fundamentally, the world we live in is a pretty lonesome place.
- ___ 10.* If we kept out of world politics, we would not have near as much trouble.
- ___ 11. Most people just don't give a "damn" for others.
- ___ 12. I'd like it if I could find someone who would tell me how to solve my personal problems.
- ___ 13.* A person must do something in the world no matter how small the contribution.
- ___ 14. It is only natural that a person be rather fearful of the future.
- ___ 15. There is so much to be done and so little time to do it in.
- ___ 16.* Riches can never make man completely happy.

- ___17. Once I get wound up in a heated discussion I just can't stop.
- ___18. In a discussion I often find it necessary to repeat myself several times to make sure I am being understood.
- ___19.* In order to accomplish anything really worthwhile, one must be prepared to make certain sacrifices.
- ___20. In a heated discussion I generally become so absorbed in what I am going to say that I forget to listen to what others are saying.
- ___21. It is better to be a dead hero than a live coward.
- ___22.* When I believe in certain issues, I feel I must defend those beliefs.
- ___23. The main thing in life is for a person to want to do something important.
- ___24. While I don't like to admit this even to myself, my secret ambition is to become a great man like Einstein, or Beethoven, or Shakespeare.
- ___25.* It is difficult to really understand the works of great artists.
- ___26. If given the chance I would do something of great benefit to the world.
- ___27. In the history of mankind there have probably been just a handful of really great thinkers.
- ___28. There are a number of people I have come to hate because of the things they stand for.
- ___29. A man who has not believed in some great cause has not really lived.
- ___30. In this complicated world of ours the only way we can know what's going on is to rely on leaders or experts who can be trusted.
- ___31. It is only when a person devotes himself to an ideal or cause that life becomes meaningful.
- ___32. Of all the different philosophies which exist in the world there is probably only one which is really correct.
- ___33.* A person gets enthusiastic about too many causes and does not do a good job of any.
- ___34. To compromise with our political opponents is dangerous because it usually leads to the betrayal of our own side.
- ___35. When it comes to difference in opinion in religion we must be careful not to compromise with those who believe differently from the way we do.
- ___36. A person who gets enthusiastic about too many causes is likely to be a "wishy-washy" sort of a person.
- ___37. In times like these, a person must be pretty selfish if he considers primarily his own happiness.
- ___38.* Personal goals should always be set high in case one has to accept a lesser goal.
- ___39. The worst crime a person could commit is to attack publicly the people who believe in the same thing he does.

- ___40. In times like these it is often necessary to be more on guard against ideas put out by people or groups in one's own camp than by those in the opposing camp.
- ___41.* One must take a chance on being wrong at times if he expects to ever be right.
- ___42. A group which tolerates too much difference of opinion among its own members cannot exist for long.
- ___43. There are two kinds of people in this world: Those who are for truth and those who are against truth.
- ___44. My blood boils whenever a person stubbornly refuses to admit he is wrong.
- ___45.* There is probably a tendency for the younger members of society to take things for granted.
- ___46. A person who thinks primarily of his own happiness is beneath contempt.
- ___47. Most of the ideas which get printed nowadays aren't worth the paper they are printed on.
- ___48. In this complicated world of ours the only way we can know what's going on is to rely on leaders or experts who can be trusted.
- ___49.* Inconsistency is a trait which is considered as a weakness.
- ___50. In the long run the best way to live is to pick friends and associates whose tastes and beliefs are the same as one's own.
- ___51. The present is all too often full of unhappiness. It is only the future that counts.
- ___52.* Childhood days often seem very happy, perhaps more than they really were.
- ___53. If a man is to accomplish his mission in life it is sometimes necessary to gamble "all or nothing at all."
- ___54. Unfortunately, a good many people with whom I have discussed important social and moral problems don't really understand what's going on.
- ___55. Most people just don't know what's good for them.

*Items added, but not scored.

PRINCIPAL ORIENTATION INVENTORY

Any one of the following incidents might occur in the day of a school principal. In each incident the principal has made some decision or initiated some action. You are requested to indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the decision or action. Since there is no right or wrong answer, please circle the answer that you feel would be most appropriate.

Please circle only one item. There are five possible answers for each incident. They are as follows: Strongly Agree (SA), Agree (A), Undecided (U), Disagree (D), Strongly Disagree (SD)

1. Ann had been caught cheating on a semester examination and was sent to the principal. Students had been told that they would receive a zero on any examination if they were guilty of cheating. The student admitted her dishonesty. After checking Ann's record, talking to her teachers and grade counselor, the principal found that Ann had not been involved in such conduct before. The principal was satisfied that he was dealing with an average student who, it was found, had been under considerable parental pressure for better grades. Since a zero on the semester test would fail her, Ann was allowed to take another exam but would not receive any grade above a C.

Regarding the decision of the principal, do you:

SA A U D SD

2. Two boys were brought into the principal's office for fighting. The student body knew of the regulation which provided a three day suspension automatically for fighting. After hearing the boys' explanations and talking to witnesses, it was learned that one of the boys actually started the altercation, and the other boy had attempted to dissuade him from fighting. However, since both boys had violated the regulation, the principal decided that he had to suspend both of them.

Regarding the decision of the principal, do you:

SA A U D SD

3. The librarian consulted with the principal, and they decided on a policy calling for students to completely clear their library records before they could take mid-term tests. On the day mid-term tests were to begin, a large number of students had not paid library obligations. Rather than delay a large number from taking their mid-term tests, the principal decided to allow those students to continue with tests, but to hold up report cards until the library records were cleared.

Regarding the decision of the principal, do you:

SA A U D SD

4. A teacher, who had used all of her sick leave for the year, became ill at noon and had to leave school. There was no policy which provided for a teacher once her sick leave was

depleted; the teacher would have to be docked. The principal asked teachers who had preparation periods that afternoon to fill in for the absent teacher as a courtesy, and he did not report her absent that day.

Regarding the decision of the principal, would you:

SA A U D SD

5. One day Allen's English teacher told him to stay in for a week for talking out in class without permission. Allen protested to the principal that this was excessive, even though he had been guilty of the offense a number of times. The teacher was a beginning teacher, and the principal felt that perhaps she was attempting to control the class by making an example out of Allen. He planned to talk to the teacher regarding some reduction in the punishment, but told Allen to work the problem out with the teacher.

Regarding the decision of the principal, would you:

SA A U D SD

6. At the beginning of the school year, the principal made it a requirement for teachers to keep lesson plans at least a week in advance in a lesson-plan book provided by the school. One week the teachers were requested to turn in their lesson-plan books and it was found that a number of teachers were not making lesson plans. In order to see that teachers met the original requirement, the principal asked that each teacher turn in his lesson-plan book every Friday so it may be checked.

Regarding the decision of the principal, would you:

SA A U D SD

7. Benny was found cutting on a school desk and was sent to the principal's office. School board policy made parents financially responsible for vandalism to school property. Upon checking the desk, it was discovered that several other students had also carved upon it. The teacher indicated that he had warned Benny previously and urged the principal to apply the system policy. The principal, however, decided to call Benny's parents and issue the warning that any further destruction of school property on Benny's part would result in costly damages for them.

Regarding the decision of the principal, would you:

SA A U D SD

8. Teachers were told that they would have to pay for all textbooks which were checked out to them if they were not returned. Mrs. Stone came out seven books short at the end of the year. The principal felt that she had been careless with her books, but also knew that several other classes had used Mrs. Stone's room during the year and had access to the textbooks. The decision was made to pay for the books out of the school activity fund.

Regarding the decision of the principal, would you:

SA A U D SD

9. Reed wanted to be a candidate for the president of his class. He had to have the signatures of fifty of his classmates on a petition before he could file for office. After he had turned his petition in to the principal and had his name placed on the ballot, it was discovered that his petition had been misnumbered and was actually ten signatures short. In talking with Reed, the principal felt that the shortage was an unintentional mistake. However, the deadline for filing had past and Reed was not permitted to run because of the incomplete petition.

Regarding the decision of the principal, would you:

SA A U D SD

10. An outside organization rented a classroom for a night meeting at the school. The meeting developed into a larger one than expected, and the principal was contacted by the president on the night of the meeting. He requested the use of the school cafeteria which was not in use at the time. However, the principal denied the request because the requisition rental did not specify anything other than a classroom.

Regarding the decision of the principal, would you

SA A U D SD

11. Boys who had participated in football were given letter awards at the end of the first semester. Tom had played football for half the season as a member of the varsity team, but he had been injured the rest of the season. At the end of the semester, Tom was given a B team award. The player objected to the principal on the grounds that he had played varsity football until he was injured. Tom was told that since he had not played a majority of the time on the varsity team, according to lettering regulations, he could not receive a varsity letter.

Regarding the decision of the principal, would you

SA A U D SD

12. After being tardy to school repeatedly, Bill was reminded of the regulation that allowed a maximum number of tardies without penalty, but that after that time, he would be given a detention for each tardy. The following week Bill was tardy again. His mother sent the excuse that she had dispatched Bill to the drug store for medicine for a younger brother. Deciding that the school had made as much allowance for Bill as possible, the principal gave him a detention for the tardiness.

Regarding the decision of the principal, would you:

SA A U D SD

13. A school had a no smoking rule in the building except in the faculty lounge. Upon checking, the principal noticed that several of the men teachers, who were located a good distance from the lounge, sometimes smoked in their classrooms after school was dismissed. Since the teachers usually made sure that no pupils were around, the principal decided to say nothing to them unless the practice became more widespread,

or if the teachers became careless about students being present when they smoked.

Regarding the decision of the principal, would you:

SA A U D SD

14. The physical education teacher stipulated that any boy who did not have a gym suit had to run five laps around a football field. Joe told the teacher that his suit had been stolen, and he refused to run the required laps. The teacher sent Joe to the principal. The boy claimed that his suit had been stolen twice and his parents refused to buy another. The principal explained to Joe that many boys used this type of excuse, and he would have to be treated the same as the others. He insisted on the five laps originally assigned.

Regarding the decision of the principal, do you:

SA A U D SD

15. Checking of class roll by the individual teacher was required; students were not permitted to this for teachers. A number of mistakes in attendance accounting began to appear on the attendance roll of the band. On investigating, the principal found that the band director allowed students to check roll. The band director said that by having students check each group after he had divided the band into sections, he could have more class time. Agreeing with the band director, the principal permitted him to continue this practice, provided that he personally check those students marked absent before the attendance roll was sent to the office.

Regarding the decision of the principal, do you:

SA A U D SD

16. At the beginning of the school year, the principal announced to his faculty that no student would be moved from teachers' classes because of discipline problems. At the end of the first semester, a student asked the principal to move him from Mrs. Brown's English class because he kept getting in trouble. Upon checking, the principal found that although the boy had no problems with other teachers, he had had similar difficulties with Mrs. Brown the previous year. Convinced that the boy should remain in her class and learn to behave himself, Mrs. Brown reminded the principal of his announcement. The principal decided that he should enforce what he had told the teachers; thus, he refused to move the boy.

Regarding the decision of the principal, do you:

SA A U D SD

17. Frank, who had completed fourth grade, moved into a new school district during the summer. His parents requested the principal of the receiving school to double-promote Frank as the sending school had planned to do. The prin-

principal had made it a rule not to double promote students. However, after receiving the boy's records, he concluded that Frank would merit being accelerated. Evaluating the situation, he decided to promote Frank to the sixth grade at the beginning of the new term.

Regarding the decision of the principal, do you:

SA A U D SD

18. The principal made it a rule to suspend a student for three days if he were truant from school on more than two different occasions. James had been truant twice, and after a family quarrel, he ran away from home for two days. During this time, he did not attend school. When he returned home and went to school, the principal told James he had been considered truant during the past two days and would be suspended since this was his third offense.

Regarding the decision of the principal, do you:

SA A U D SD

19. The school principal felt that teachers were not using their preparation period properly and made an announcement that the faculty lounge was to be used only during the first and last ten minutes of their preparation periods. During the second period, three teachers did not have their rooms available because other classes were using them. They asked for permission to use the lounge during their planning period. The principal decided he could not make exceptions and told the teachers that they would have to do their work in the library at that time.

Regarding the decision of the principal, do you:

SA A U D SD

20. Two of the school's honor students skipped the last period on Tuesday. The honor society's constitution provided that members who were truant would be dismissed from the organization. One of the girl's parents, however, insisted that her daughter had come home ill; the girls would not admit being together. The other girl's parents readily admitted that their daughter had been truant, but thought that the two girls were together. The principal was convinced the two girls were truant, but since he could not prove truancy for both, only the proven truant was dismissed from the honor society.

Regarding the decision of the principal, do you:

SA A U D SD

ORGANIZATIONAL INVENTORY

We would like to find out some things about your organization. This questionnaire consists of a number of statements about organizations. For each statement please indicate how well the statement describes your own organization.

There are five possible answers for each statement. They are: Definitely True (DT), Partially True (PT), Undecided (U), Partially False (PF), and Definitely False (DF). For each statement circle the answer which you feel comes closest to describing your own organization.

Individual respondents will not be identified in any way, so do not hesitate to give your true judgment on each statement.

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| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 1. | I feel that I am my own boss in most matters. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 2. | A person can make his own decisions without checking with anyone else. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 3. | People here do the same job in the same way every day. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 4. | The organization has a manual of rules and regulations to be followed. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 5. | Whatever situation arises, we have procedures to follow for dealing with it. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 6. | Every person who calls the organization from the outside is treated the same. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 7. | In order to get a promotion, you have to "know somebody." |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 8. | No one can get necessary supplies without permission. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 9. | Everyone has a specific job to do. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 10. | Written rules from higher up are followed unquestioningly. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 11. | Employees are too often left to their own judgment as to how to handle various problems. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 12. | People who have contact with customers or clients, including parents, are taught the correct way to greet and talk with them. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 13. | Applicants must be qualified before they can be hired here. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 14. | Everyone has a superior to whom he regularly reports. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 15. | When a person finishes a report, it always goes next to the same person. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 16. | The employees are constantly being checked on for rule violations. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 17. | Most of us are encouraged to use our own judgment. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 18. | The organization does not encourage employee parties. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 19. | Promotions are based entirely on how well a person does his job. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 20. | There can be little action until a supervisor approves a decision. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 21. | One thing people like around here is the variety of work. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 22. | Employees are not allowed to leave their work stations without permission. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 23. | The same procedures are to be followed in most situations. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 24. | A lot of people around here get together on weekends. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 25. | Employees are periodically evaluated to see how well they are doing. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 26. | How things are done around here is left pretty much up to the person doing the work. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 27. | We are encouraged to be able to teach more than one subject. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 28. | The time for coffee breaks are strictly regulated. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 29. | The same steps must be followed in processing every piece of work. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 30. | The organization is always sponsoring employee get togethers. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 31. | People aren't promoted simply because they have pull. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 32. | People around here always get their orders from higher up. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 33. | Most jobs have something new happening every day. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 34. | Nothing is said if you come to work late occasionally. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 35. | Red tape isn't often a problem in getting a job done. |
| DT | PT | U | PF | DF | 36. | Management here sticks pretty much to themselves. |

- DT PT U PF DF 37. Past work experience plays a large part in the hiring of a person.
 DT PT U PF DF 38. Any decision I make has to have my boss's approval.
 DT PT U PF DF 39. People working here usually find their jobs to be very monotonous.
 DT PT U PF DF 40. Most people here make their own rules on the job.
 DT PT U PF DF 41. Going through the proper channels is constantly stressed.
 DT PT U PF DF 42. We are encouraged not to become overly friendly with outsiders.
 DT PT U PF DF 43. The organization keeps a record of everyone's job performance.
 DT PT U PF DF 44. A person who wants to make his own decisions would quickly become discouraged here.
 DT PT U PF DF 45. Few people here find their work challenging.
 DT PT U PF DF 46. People feel as though they are constantly being watched to see that they obey all the rules.
 DT PT U PF DF 47. We are to follow strict operating procedures at all times.
 DT PT U PF DF 48. We are expected to be courteous, but reserved, at all times.
 DT PT U PF DF 49. Many people are hired simply because they are attractive.
 DT PT U PF DF 50. Even small matters have to be referred to someone higher up for a final answer.
 DT PT U PF DF 51. We usually work under the same circumstances from day to day.
 DT PT U PF DF 52. There is no rules manual.
 DT PT U PF DF 53. When we have a problem, we are supposed to go to the same person for an answer.
 DT PT U PF DF 54. No matter how serious a person's problem is, he is treated the same as anyone else.
 DT PT U PF DF 55. You get promoted according to how well you are liked.
 DT PT U PF DF 56. People here are allowed to do almost as they please.
 DT PT U PF DF 57. There is something different to do every day.
 DT PT U PF DF 58. Smoking is permitted only in certain designated areas.
 DT PT U PF DF 59. There is only one good way to do a job -- the boss's way.
 DT PT U PF DF 60. People are to be treated within the rules, no matter how serious a problem they may have.
 DT PT U PF DF 61. There isn't much chance for a promotion unless you are "in" with the boss.
 DT PT U PF DF 62. I have to ask the boss before I do almost anything.

INFORMATION SHEET

Please provide the following information:

Age _____ Sex M F Years of Teaching Experience _____

Grade Level Teaching Assignment () Elementary () Secondary

Size of School _____

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SCORING OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL INVENTORY

| Scale | Description | Statement Number |
|-------|--------------------------|---|
| I | Hierarchy of Authority | 1*, 2*, 8, 14, 20, 26*, 32, 38, 44, 50, 56*, 62 |
| II | Division of Labor | 3, 9, 15, 21*, 27*, 33*, 39, 45, 51, 57* |
| III | Rules | 4, 10, 16, 22, 28, 34*, 40*, 46, 52*, 58 |
| IV | Procedures | 5, 11*, 17*, 23, 29, 35*, 41, 47, 53, 59 |
| V | Impersonality | 6, 12, 18, 24*, 30*, 36, 42, 48, 54, 60 |
| VI | Technical Qualifications | 7*, 13, 19, 25, 31*, 37, 42, 49*, 55*, 61* |

*These items are scored as follows: DT 5, PT 4, U 3, PF 2, DF 1; all other items are scored as follows: DT 1, PT 2, U 3, PF 4, DF 5.

APPENDIX C

SCORES ON THE INSTRUMENTS USED

TABLE 1
COMPILED DATA FOR ALL SCHOOLS

| Schools | Individual Scores of Principals | | Mean Scores of Schools on Each Bureaucratic Dimension ^c | | | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-------------------|-------|------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| | Dogmatism Scale | Principal Orientation Inventory | Hierarchy of Authority | Division of Labor | Rules | Procedures | Impersonality | Technical Qualifications |
| 1 ^a | 130 | 49 | 38.1 | 33.1 | 24.4 | 29.3 | 29.8 | 25.5 |
| 2 | 132 | 64 | 38.0 | 32.5 | 24.6 | 29.2 | 30.1 | 26.3 |
| 3 | 176 | 59 | 37.4 | 32.8 | 24.5 | 29.1 | 31.9 | 24.9 |
| 4 | 176 | 70 | 36.4 | 32.4 | 23.8 | 29.5 | 29.5 | 25.0 |
| 5 | 153 | 63 | 39.8 | 35.3 | 25.9 | 31.8 | 28.8 | 24.6 |
| 6 | 154 | 52 | 40.9 | 33.1 | 26.8 | 32.4 | 31.5 | 24.2 |
| 7 | 119 | 60 | 36.3 | 31.1 | 23.9 | 27.2 | 29.1 | 27.0 |
| 8 | 156 | 49 | 34.1 | 30.9 | 23.2 | 30.0 | 26.7 | 22.4 |
| 9 | 136 | 55 | 41.2 | 34.8 | 25.5 | 31.3 | 30.0 | 23.9 |
| 10 | 192 | 61 | 36.3 | 32.2 | 22.9 | 28.0 | 28.1 | 23.2 |
| 11 | 135 | 51 | 37.4 | 34.7 | 23.5 | 31.6 | 29.5 | 23.2 |
| 12 ^b | 188 | 66 | 40.6 | 34.7 | 22.8 | 28.8 | 29.6 | 23.0 |
| 13 ^b | 131 | 63 | 37.1 | 36.0 | 22.9 | 31.5 | 29.3 | 25.5 |
| 14 | 129 | 55 | 39.1 | 37.5 | 20.9 | 27.8 | 23.6 | 23.2 |
| 15 | 128 | 66 | 38.8 | 34.3 | 26.4 | 30.7 | 26.2 | 22.4 |
| 16 | 148 | 54 | 38.9 | 33.7 | 27.7 | 31.7 | 26.7 | 25.8 |
| 17 | 173 | 67 | 43.9 | 37.9 | 26.0 | 32.3 | 32.3 | 21.3 |
| 18 | 176 | 59 | 36.8 | 35.9 | 23.8 | 30.3 | 28.8 | 21.4 |
| 19 | 108 | 46 | 27.4 | 29.2 | 17.7 | 22.1 | 24.5 | 23.8 |
| 20 | 122 | 60 | 38.2 | 35.4 | 23.8 | 31.1 | 26.6 | 25.0 |
| 21 | 149 | 57 | 37.6 | 35.1 | 23.0 | 30.9 | 25.8 | 23.5 |
| 22 | 107 | 48 | 33.3 | 35.4 | 21.9 | 25.0 | 25.3 | 23.4 |
| 23 | 138 | 54 | 44.9 | 36.4 | 27.9 | 34.1 | 27.6 | 20.9 |
| 24 | 119 | 52 | 31.0 | 35.3 | 20.8 | 26.4 | 27.0 | 21.8 |
| 25 | 167 | 57 | 36.9 | 33.4 | 23.3 | 29.4 | 28.2 | 21.3 |

TABLE 1--Continued

| Schools | Individual Scores of Principals | | Mean Scores of Schools on Each Bureaucratic Dimension ^c | | | | | |
|---------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-------------------|-------|------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| | Dogmatism Scale | Principal Orientation Inventory | Hierarchy of Authority | Division of Labor | Rules | Procedures | Impersonality | Technical Qualifications |
| 26 | 170 | 60 | 27.0 | 31.7 | 16.5 | 23.5 | 24.9 | 22.3 |
| 27 | 174 | 57 | 39.5 | 35.8 | 24.5 | 31.0 | 29.5 | 24.0 |
| 28 | 165 | 65 | 39.2 | 36.2 | 24.3 | 31.2 | 29.1 | 22.8 |
| 29 | 153 | 61 | 41.5 | 34.4 | 25.7 | 31.1 | 27.4 | 21.8 |
| 30 | 157 | 46 | 38.2 | 36.0 | 23.4 | 30.6 | 27.0 | 23.8 |
| 31 | 136 | 51 | 39.2 | 37.8 | 24.2 | 34.1 | 27.3 | 23.9 |
| 32 | 130 | 51 | 41.8 | 36.3 | 26.2 | 32.4 | 29.3 | 22.9 |
| 33 | 158 | 62 | 35.3 | 34.6 | 24.6 | 29.8 | 28.2 | 23.1 |
| 34 | 101 | 50 | 36.8 | 35.7 | 21.7 | 30.9 | 24.7 | 20.7 |
| 35 | 133 | 50 | 39.0 | 34.8 | 22.3 | 30.1 | 29.1 | 25.2 |
| 36 | 130 | 52 | 36.5 | 33.9 | 23.8 | 29.8 | 29.3 | 25.0 |
| 37 | 129 | 49 | 38.6 | 33.9 | 23.9 | 30.7 | 29.1 | 24.0 |
| 38 | 145 | 69 | 29.0 | 31.6 | 20.3 | 24.3 | 26.8 | 27.1 |
| 39 | 116 | 52 | 36.4 | 35.7 | 21.8 | 29.1 | 25.8 | 21.7 |
| 40 | 149 | 72 | 35.5 | 34.0 | 22.1 | 28.0 | 28.7 | 24.0 |
| 41 | 171 | 59 | 36.8 | 34.5 | 23.3 | 31.0 | 28.3 | 21.7 |
| 42 | 100 | 60 | 41.0 | 37.9 | 25.9 | 31.5 | 32.7 | 20.1 |
| 43 | 132 | 53 | 30.8 | 35.4 | 21.9 | 27.6 | 27.5 | 26.5 |
| 44 | 165 | 56 | 40.0 | 37.4 | 23.6 | 30.0 | 30.3 | 25.0 |
| 45 | 107 | 49 | 40.9 | 37.0 | 21.6 | 28.5 | 28.9 | 25.7 |
| 46 | 106 | 49 | 36.4 | 34.2 | 19.9 | 26.5 | 26.7 | 25.0 |

^aSecondary school scores from 1-12.

^bElementary school scores from 13-46.

^cLow scores indicate more bureaucratic, high scores less bureaucratic.