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Understanding Xi’s Centralized Power

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• Since the beginning of Xi’s regime, there has been an obvious change in the policy decision-making mechanism.

• Decision-making authority is highly centralized.

• Monopolize decision-coordination mechanisms. Centralized decision-making mechanisms.

• Xi has successfully consolidate his power?
• What has enabled and prompted the concentration of D-M power on Xi?
• Sharing sense of insecurity among the party leadership.
  
  Public discontent: degradation of the environment; political and bureaucratic corruption; ethnic conflict in Xinjiang and Tibet, economic slowdown in growth.

• Sharing desire for a strong and decisive leader.
• Institutionalization
  – Restrict to the exercise of power;
    • Term limit and Age limit
  – Promote intra-party democracy;
    • Internal poll to select favored top leaders for the future-> “vote”
  – Activate democratic institutions:
    • PC, CPPCC
    • Building several mechanisms of dialogue with non-Party elites
• Decision making mechanism
• Collect Information mechanism

• CCP try to activate democratic institutions.
• CCP has made use of democratic institutions as a means to collect the information for D-M.
  – PC, CPPCC
  – Building several mechanisms of dialogue with non-Party elites
• The members of the Democratic Institutions come from a variety of different backgrounds.
• Democratic Institutions perform a wide variety political functions.
  – Serve as a Agents of Gov., Transmit the policy to.
  – Serve as a Remonstrators, Convey the Information to Gov.
  – Serve as a Representative, Represent to interest of Constituency.
• Xi has successfully reinforced his power foundation by centralizing decision-making mechanisms.
• Promoting institutionalization of power, restrict Xi’s power.

• Gathering information for decision-making, Xi’s regime needs more allies, but Anti-corruption campaign has caused changes the behavior of bureaucracy and interest groups.