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## Summaries

### **A new method to measure influence: changes of the individuals occupying toppositions and influence processes**

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Following and expanding on an idea of Herbert A. Simon, mentioned in 'Notes on the observation and measurement of political power' in his *Models of Man* (1957), a new method is developed to measure the influence of the occupants of societal and political toppositions. The basic idea is that a change of the individual occupying a position in an influence system brings about changes in the influence system as a whole. It is assumed that the greater the changes induced throughout the system, the greater is the influence of that specific position. This new method does not only enable us to determine whether a position is influential or not, but especially to determine differences in the amount of influence between toppositions.

Particular attention has been paid to the development of an adequate conceptualization and measurement of the consequences of positional changes in the influence system. It is argued that to measure the influence of a position properly it is necessary to determine not only the net changes occurring in the influence system after a positional change, but also the processes underlying these changes.

### **The outer city as a place of residence for an ethnic minority**

by P.W. Blauw

To improve the housing-situation of the ethnic minorities in the older residential districts in the inner city and to decrease the cumulation of social problems in these districts the Rotterdam local government promoted the policy of 'bundled deconcentration'. Vacant dwellings in certain residential districts in the outer city were allocated to a certain ethnic minority in order to offer special facilities for this category of the population. The central question in this article is: why do Turkish families not accept a dwelling in the outer city? Although 'too expensive' was the most frequent mentioned motive, the families which refused a dwelling had more often a higher income than those, which accepted a dwelling. Comparing both types of families shows that the 'acceptors' can be characterized as having a more westernized ('modern-dynamic') culturepattern. Other factors are the 'intervening obstacles' such as unfamiliarity with bureaucracy and ignorance of housing grants. It is expected that the amount of moves for ethnic minorities to the outer city will remain small as a consequence of the decrease of the residential mobility of the autochtones.

The reduction of housing grants will discourage both autochtones and allochtones to move to more expensive new houses in the outer city.

**Norm violating behaviour: a qualitative study**

by Florence J. van Zuuren

An attempt has been made to gain an insight into deviant behaviour by asking subjects to violate implicit norms in public situations. Their written reports were studied in a qualitative manner. Time and again it turned out that subjects try to ameliorate their uncomfortable feelings during the experiments by using various tricks, here called 'coping modes'. Several modes were distinguished, a.o. accentuating normal behavioural aspects, verbal and non-verbal legitimizing, and escaping social consequences. In the discussion some of the results were compared with the sociological literature on 'accountability'.

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