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To Bert -- also an accomplished midwife.
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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

Historical Perspective

For more than a decade American Society has been witnessing a political phenomenon which has been variously called The Extreme Right, The Radical Right, The Far Right or The Right Wing. Some writers view this as an entirely new phenomenon, a product of the international tensions which developed after World War II. Many others view it as a resurgence of a political philosophy which lies deep in the tradition of American society. Although an extensive analysis of the history of Right-Wing Extremism in the United States is beyond the scope of the present study, a brief outline of the contemporary development of this phenomenon will help to place it in its historical perspective.

Within the past two decades, the Extreme Right has appeared to arise like a Phoenix from the ashes of declining American Socialism. Although Senator McCarthy's pronouncement regarding Communists in the State Department in February, 1950 is certainly one of the more spectacular highlights of Right-Wing activity, the first contemporary appearance of this phenomenon goes back at least five more years to January 3rd, 1945. On this, the opening day of the Seventy-Ninth Congress, the dormant Dies' Special House Committee for the Investigation of Un-American Activities was changed, through the passing of an
amendment introduced by representative John Rankin, into a permanent committee—the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Three months later, on April 12th, 1945, the New Deal passed into history with the death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

During the following years, the Extreme Right gained further momentum, both publicly and privately. Publicly, the investigative process became further diversified with the formation, in 1946, of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Government Operations. Privately, one of the first voluntary association groups of the Extreme Right, America's Future Incorporated, was founded in New Rochelle, New York. The House Committee on Un-American Activities was active in 1947 with the "Hollywood investigations" and again in 1948 with the testimony of Elizabeth Bentley and Whittaker Chambers. Their testimony gave rise, through 1948 and 1949, to the perjury trials of Alger Hiss and William Remington. The elections of 1948 signify the last major attempt of the Socialists to gain political recognition and formal power in America. This was the year that the defecting Left Wing of the Democratic Party formed the Progressive Party and nominated Henry Wallace for the presidency, and was also the last year that anyone of the stature of Norman Thomas ran on the Socialist Party ticket.

On the international scene, a number of shocks were dealt to the American people during 1949. American faith in China as a great power and friend was destroyed by the defeat of Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist armies by the Communists. This was also the year that the
Soviet Union exploded its first atomic bomb, several years ahead of the date estimated by American scientists. As it was to be revealed later, Soviet technology had received assistance from the West in the person of Dr. Klaus Fuchs.

There can be no doubt that the events of 1945 to 1950 helped to establish a climate that made many millions of Americans receptive to McCarthy and McCarthyism. In February, 1950, when he made his startling allegation of Communists in the State Department to a Women's Republican Club in Wheeling, West Virginia, the Senator from Wisconsin was still a "free lance" investigator. Undoubtedly, the tensions created by the Korean War, into which the United States entered in the summer of 1950, helped to sustain the wave of hysteria on which he was able to ride until the abrupt end of his political career in 1954. Although overshadowed by McCarthyism at the time, the year 1950 also marks the inception of the McCarran Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security. In 1953, McCarthy attained full investigative powers with his appointment as chairman of the Senate Committee on Government Operations and of its Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. Paradoxically, this year also marks the beginning of the end for McCarthy, for it was then that he began his investigations that were to terminate in the disastrous Army-McCarthy hearings.

By the mid-fifties many observers heralded a return to normalcy in American society. The tension created by the Korean War had been dispelled, Joseph Stalin was dead and it appeared that a better understanding between the East and the West was in the offing. In this
country, the first Republican government in twenty years appeared to have survived its initial difficulties. This was the occasion for many analysts to sit back and view the American Right Wing in retrospect, as though it had been a temporary canker that had now been removed. Writing in this period, Herbert Agar has stated:

Because of the President's wise decision not to form a third party in 1952, the American political system has returned, for the time being, to its normal shape.¹

The Right Wing, however, was not dead. Quietly, it was growing and spreading, and new groups of supporters for Extreme Right doctrine were forming throughout the country. What has turned out to be one of the most sensational of these new groups—the John Birch Society—was organized in Indianapolis on December 8th and 9th, 1958, where its founder Robert Welch met with eleven influential men from different parts of the country. The society achieved notoriety early in 1961 when the contents of a "personal letter" of Welch's entitled "The Politician" became publicly known. In this manuscript, which now runs into about 100,000 words, Welch accused some of the nation's leading figures of being either Communist agents, supporters or sympathizers. Among those accused were General George Marshall, President Eisenhower, Milton Eisenhower, Chief Justice Earl Warren, late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Alan Dulles, former head of the Central Intelligence Agency. Following up the initial storm of controversy which disclosure of this document created, Welch, himself, in April, 1961,

publicly urged a congressional investigation of the John Birch Society—a move no doubt intended to silence a growing opposition to that organization. In May of the same year Welch appeared on the television program "Meet The Press"—a rare exception to his no interview policy. Meanwhile, the calls for congressional investigation of the John Birch Society from other quarters were helping to ensure that organization a recognition not afforded to any group since the era of McCarthyism.

The purpose of the foregoing brief historical introduction has been twofold. First, an attempt has been made to place the modern development of the Extreme Right in its proper sequence in the events of the past two decades. Second, it has served to emphasize the fact that the Extreme Right is still a viable phenomenon—one which does not need to be studied ex post facto.

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Social scientists who have turned their attention to the phenomenon of the Extreme Right seem to fall into four general categories:

1. There are those who dismiss this phenomenon as a "passing phase" on the American scene.¹ The ranks of this group are diminishing, since it is evident that this phenomenon, in its present manifestation, has been in existence for nearly two decades and is showing no evidence of decline.

2. There are those who have sought to describe, in more or less impressionistic and literary terms, what the Extreme Right is and how Right-Wing organizations operate.¹ The ranks of this group are swelling, partly because of a genuine attempt on the part of some writers to increase our knowledge of this phenomenon, and partly because this is now a fashionable subject on which to write.

3. There are those who have made an attempt at explanatory analysis of the Extreme Right.² These analysts have been generally more scientific in their approach, but their explanations have not been undertaken in such a way that would allow for prediction. Moreover, the variables which they have used to explain the Extreme Right have not been precisely defined. Examples of such variables are Daniel Bell's "status anxieties" and Talcott Parson's "strains" in the contemporary social system.³


²See, for example, Daniel Bell, "Interpretations of American Politics," in Bell, op. cit., pp. 3-32; Richard Hofstadter, "The Pseudo-Conservative Revolt," in Bell, op. cit., pp. 33-55.

Finally, some attempts have been made to make predictive analyses of the Extreme Right. To the writer's knowledge, the only study published to date that has attempted to isolate operationally the attitudinal characteristics of contemporary Right-Wing Extremism is that of Martin Trow.¹

Independent and Dependent Variables of the Present Study

Although psychological variables have been used extensively in predicting social phenomena, the independent variable used in the present study will be sociological in nature. This follows Emile Durkheim's precedent, articulated in the following principle for investigating the causes of social phenomena:

The determining cause of a social fact should be sought among the social facts preceding it and not among the states of the individual consciousness.²

The independent variable of social class has been used frequently as a frame of reference in studies of political attitudes and political

¹Martin Trow, "Small Businessmen, Political Tolerance, and Support for McCarthy," American Journal of Sociology, 64 (November, 1958), pp. 270-281. Trow defines the supporters of McCarthy as reactionary "nineteenth-century liberals" who combine the attitudes of opposition to organized labor and opposition to big business. However, the validity of attaching a "regressive" or "reactionary" label to Right-Wing Extremism is doubtful. This point will be discussed more fully in Chapter III. Moreover, opposition to big business on the part of the Right Wing is questionable, in view of the potential economic support from big business which is sought by Right Wing groups.

behavior. However, rather than using the traditional conception of social stratification as positions on one or more vertical hierarchies a more recent model depicting stratification as a horizontal configuration of status variables will be used. This model, which is regarded by those who have used it as having considerable predictive usefulness, is that which has been referred to variously as "status equilibration," "status congruency," "status crystallization" and "status consistency." A related model, used more in demographic analyses, is that of "status integration." For the purposes of the present study, "status crystallization" or "status consistency" (which terms will be used synonymously) will be defined as the extent to which an individual's rank positions on given status hierarchies are at a comparable level.


Considerable evidence, both theoretical and empirical, exists which suggests that there is a relationship between status inconsistency and political extremism, both left and right. To this date, however, no test of the relationship between uncrystallized status and Right-Wing Extremism has been published. In view of the strong likelihood that lack of crystallization has a bearing on Right-Wing Extremism, status crystallization has been selected as the independent variable of the present study. A full discussion of the crystallization model, and the method used to measure this variable will be presented in Chapter II.

The problem to which the present study will be addressed is that of predicting the incidence of Right-Wing Extremism with respect to individuals. Although this study will utilize material related to specific Right-Wing organizations for illustrative purposes, it will not be a study of any one such organization, nor of a group of such organizations. Instead, this study will be concerned with the ideological and attitudinal nature of Right-Wing Extremism. The

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relationship between attitude, which lies within the individual, and ideology, which goes beyond the individual, is an inseparable one. Attitudes, in fact, may be regarded as indicators of the individual's ideological system. This frame of reference is exemplified by the definitions of these concepts as they will be used in the present study. The term "ideology" will be used as it is defined by Adorno:

The term ideology is used in this book, in the way that is common in current literature, to stand for an organization of opinions, attitudes, and values—a way of thinking about man and society. We may speak of an individual's total ideology or of his ideology with respect to different areas of social life: politics, economics, religion, minority groups, and so forth. Ideologies have an existence independent of any individual; and those which exist at a particular time are results both of historical processes and of contemporary social events.

Thus, as the above definition indicates, attitude is a component of ideology. Usage of the term "attitude" will follow that proposed by Krech and Crutchfield. They define attitudes as:

...enduring systems of positive or negative evaluations, emotional feelings, and pro or con action tendencies with respect to social objects.

In light of the foregoing discussion, the dependent variable of the present study will be that of Right-Wing Extremism, defined as an ideology (specifically, as a political ideology) and operationalized

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in terms of attitudinal indicators. Defining and operationalizing this variable will be the topics of Chapters III and IV, respectively.

Having defined and operationalized the independent and dependent variables of the present study in Chapters II, III and IV, the balance of the study will be devoted to analyzing the relationship between these variables. Chapters V, VI and VII will concern respectively the theoretical specification of the hypothesis relating status crystallization to Right-Wing Extremism, the methodology involved in testing this hypothesis and the findings of the test, and a concluding discussion of this research and its implications for future studies. Although the format of this research is that of a predictive study, the limited resources for data gathering have restricted this investigation to a secondary analysis of existing data. The source of this data is discussed in Appendix A. Appendix B contains the presentation of the cluster analysis used to identify the attitudinal indicators of the Extreme Right. Because of the limited nature of the data available for this study, those portions of the research concerned with the development of attitudinal indicators of the Extreme Right must be regarded as largely exploratory.

In passing, it should be noted that the term which will be used in discussing the phenomenon under study will be "Extreme Right" (and the generic form, "Right-Wing Extremism") rather than the more usual "Radical Right." Accepted usage of the term "radical" connotes revolutionary, usually leftist, politics. In view of the fact that the Extreme Right lies considerably to the right of the center of the
political spectrum, it is felt that use of the term "Radical Right" would contribute to semantic confusion. Moreover, the term "Extreme Right" is consistent with the notion of political extremism. Since the position that the Extreme Right is a form of extremist political expression will be central to this study, the use of the adjective "extreme" seems more appropriate than that of "radical."
CHAPTER II

THE STATUS CRYSTALLIZATION MODEL

The Concept of Status Crystallization

Traditionally, social stratification has been conceptualized in terms of a single vertical dimension in which each person in the social system occupies a single position. One of the classical schemes in this tradition is that of Karl Marx, who saw the boundaries of social classes drawn in terms of relationships to the means of production (i.e., social class is economically determined). He envisioned modern capitalist societies as divided into two basic classes along these economic lines—the bourgeoisie and the proletariat. Marx also recognized the existence of other identifiable groups, such as the lumpenproletariat and the intellectuals. These groups, however, were considered by him to be peripheral to the production process, and thus not constituting classes, in his sense of the word.

Outstanding among recent stratification models of the unidimensional type is that developed by Warner.¹ He proposes two different ways of measuring social class—Evaluated Participation (E.P.) and an Index of Status Characteristics (I.S.C.). The former is a rating

technique used for placing families and individuals in the status system of a community, and is basically a measure of social interaction. In this method of rating social class position, the analyst uses data, supplied by informants, on the following six factors: matched agreements of a number of informants, identification with certain symbols ("symbolic placement"), status reputation, comparison with others whose class position has previously been determined, simple assignment to a class mentioned by informants, and institutional membership. The I.S.C. scale is an index of socio-economic status, and involves totalling a series of weighted ratings on the characteristics of Occupation, Source of Income, House Type and Dwelling Area. This summation yields a set of scores ranging from 12 to 94. From these, Warner designates five social classes: Upper, Upper-Middle, Lower-Middle, Upper-Lower and Lower-Lower.

Although the factors measured by these two methods of measuring social class are quite different, the two measures are highly intercorrelated. That is, Warner shows that persons who have a high (or low) E.P. rating will also score high (or low) on the I.S.C. Thus, regardless of the number of status characteristics used and the complexities of rating and scoring procedures, Warner's method yields only a single, vertical measure of social stratification.

In recent years, the utility of the uni-dimensional approach to social stratification has been challenged by an increasing number of sociologists. Max Weber criticized Marx by pointing out that the economic concept of "class" was only one of at least three ways by which
groups could be stratified. In his essay, "Class, Status, Party,"¹ Weber distinguishes between these three dimensions as follows:

1. Class: this is the traditional economic dimension, being stratification according to the relationship of groups to the production and acquisition of goods.

2. Status: this concept is within the "social" order in that status groups are stratified according to the principles of their consumption of goods as represented by a certain honor or prestige in following special styles of life. Weber subsumes occupation under the heading of status since social honor is claimed by virtue of the special style of life which may be determined by an occupation.

3. Party: this is stratification according to the acquisition of social power.

Since Weber's initial specification of these dimensions of social class, a number of sociologists have contributed to the development and implementation of a multi-dimensional model of social stratification variously called "status equilibration,"² "status congruency,"³


"status crystallization,"¹ and "status consistency."² The theoretical
development of this model may be traced through the writings of Emile
Benoit-Smullyan, Pitirim Sorokin and Gerhard Lenski.

In 1944, Benoit-Smullyan drew Weber's three concepts together
under a more general concept of "status."³ Benoit-Smullyan was con­
cerned with the problem of distinguishing between status, which he
defined as location on a superiority-inferiority scale with respect to
possession of a common characteristic, situs, which he defined as mem­
bership in a social group, and locus, which he defined as a person's
socially defined function in an organized group. Of importance to this
study is his concept of status, which consisted of three hierarchical
scales upon which people could be stratified. These are "economic,"
"political," and "prestige" statuses, which are respectively equatable
with Weber's "class," "party," and "status." Benoit-Smullyan then
turns to a description of the interrelations between these various
types of status and it is here that the "status equilibrium" hypothesis
is first stated. He notes that a person's positions on these three
statuses often may be found to be out of line. That is, the wealthiest

¹Gerhard E. Lenski, "Status Crystallization: A Non-Vertical
Dimension of Social Status," American Sociological Review, 19 (August,
1954), pp. 405-413.

²Irwin W. Goffman, "Status Consistency and Preference for
Change in Power Distribution," American Sociological Review, 22 (June,
1957), pp. 275-281; Elton F. Jackson, "Status Consistency and Symptoms
of Stress," American Sociological Review, 27 (August, 1962), pp. 469-
480.

³Benoit-Smullyan, op. cit.
are not always the highest in power or prestige (e.g. the nouveaux riches), nor are the most prestigeful always highest in wealth or power (e.g. the "shabby genteel"). He goes on to say, however, that when such dissimilarity does obtain there is a tendency over time for a person's rankings on these various status hierarchies to reach a common level. This, then, is the original statement of the status equilibration concept.

Sorokin, in 1947, deals with the same idea when he discusses various stratification strata.\(^1\) A state of equilibrium would obtain in what Sorokin terms the "innerly solidary or affine multi-bonded stratum." This would be a stratificational cross-section in which the stratifying bonds were mutually congenial. He raises the point of status disequilibration when he states that "the correlation of the affine strata is never perfect."\(^2\) He then elaborates on this point:

The stratified pyramids of the uni-bonded groups never consolidate in such a way that all their strata coincide and create one integral consolidated social pyramid in which all the tops of the uni-bonded pyramids make one integral top, and all the middle and lower strata consolidate into one integral middle or lower stratum.\(^3\)

Aside from the relevance of this statement to the concept of status disequilibration, it raises a further important theoretical point:

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2Ibid., p. 292.

3Ibid., p. 292.
equilibration may take place at any crosscutting level for the number of status hierarchies under consideration. That is to say, an individual's statuses may be equilibrated if they are all at the top level of a number of given hierarchies, if they are all at the bottom level, or at any equivalent in-between point on the hierarchies. Conversely, status disequilibration obtains if one or more of an individual's statuses are divergent from the level held by his other statuses. An important methodological consideration arising from Sorokin's observation is that all status hierarchies constituting a status crystallization model should have equivalent intervals. That is, all vertical status dimensions used in such a model should have an equal, or nearly equal, number of class intervals in order to ensure a valid measure of status crystallization. In a 1958 study of worker motivation, Zaleznik, Christensen, Roethlisberger and Homans\(^1\) failed to observe this requirement, and used a two-interval variable (sex) in conjunction with multi-interval variables (e.g., occupation). This factor may well have been contributory to the failure of their hypotheses to be borne out.

Lenski, in 1954, developed a method for quantifying status crystallization.\(^2\) For his vertical status hierarchies, he used the four statuses of occupation, income, education and ethnicity. These

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\(^2\)Lenski, op. cit.
were selected because they were considered to be important stratification characteristics, and because necessary information related to them could be obtained easily. Education and income were, of course, easily ranked, being quantitative in nature. Using the National Opinion Research Center's study of occupational prestige, 1 five occupational prestige levels were defined for the sample under study. The ethnicity scale was constructed by means of rankings by Detroit area students enrolled in introductory sociology courses at the University of Michigan.

Having thus established four vertical status hierarchies, ranked on superiority-inferiority continua, Lenski's next problem was to establish common scales for these four hierarchies, so that the relative position of respondents on each of them might be compared. First, a frequency distribution of respondents was established for each of the status hierarchies. From these, cumulative percentile ranges for each hierarchy were computed. A score for each class interval was then assigned on the basis of the midpoint of the percentile range for that interval. The last step in this procedure was to arrive at a quantitative measure of status crystallization. Lenski reports this step as follows:

This quantitative measure of status crystallization was accomplished by taking the square root of the sum of the squared deviations from the mean of the four hierarchy scores of the individual occupation, income, education and ethnicity and subtracting the resulting figure from one hundred. The more highly consistent or crystallized an individual's status, the more nearly his crystallization score approached one hundred; the less consistent or crystallized his status, the more nearly his crystallization score approached zero.¹

In algebraic terms, the square root of the sum of squared deviations from a mean may be expressed as \( \sqrt{\sum d^2} \) or \( \sqrt{\sum x^2} \). This the reader will recognize as the formula for Standard Deviation (\( \sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum x^2}{N}} \)) without the denominator in it. The use of squared deviations from the mean in computing status crystallization scores has the effect of maximizing score dispersion. Lenski was seeking maximum dispersion in order to increase the discriminatory power of his status crystallization measure. This observation is consistent with Lenski's reporting that he used squared deviations from the mean in order to emphasize the effect of larger deviations and to minimize the effect of smaller ones. He considered this necessary because no great importance could be attached to small deviations in the status hierarchies—a consequence of the crude techniques used in quantifying intervals on these hierarchies. Subtracting the computed scores from one hundred was done for reasons of semantic clarity. That is, such a procedure would give respondents

¹Lenski, op. cit., pp. 407-408.
with a highly crystallized status a numerically higher score than those with a poorly crystallized status.¹

The Status Crystallization Model Used Herein

For the purposes of the present study, status crystallization will be defined as the extent to which an individual's rank positions on given status hierarchies are at a comparable level.² The crystallization model used in this study will closely parallel that of Lenski, as discussed earlier. The statuses to be used are occupation, income and education. These were chosen because of two factors. First, it is generally considered that these statuses are important ones with respect to social stratification.³ Second, the necessary information related to these statuses is available, and relatively easy to quantify. Although Lenski used ethnicity as a fourth status characteristic, it will not be used in this study. First, information on ethnicity is

¹For a detailed illustration of the application of Lenski's status crystallization measure to the present study, see infra, p. 275, defines status consistency as "... the extent to which an individual occupies ranks on relevant status dimensions that are defined as comparable in shared expectations." Jackson, op. cit., p. 469, defines the concept as "... the degree to which an individual's rank positions on important societal status hierarchies are at a comparable level."

²Goffman, op. cit., p. 275, defines status consistency as "... the extent to which an individual occupies ranks on relevant status dimensions that are defined as comparable in shared expectations." Jackson, op. cit., p. 469, defines the concept as "... the degree to which an individual's rank positions on important societal status hierarchies are at a comparable level."

not available in the data used for this study. Second, one would not expect a wide range of ethnic groups to be represented in the Eugene-Springfield area. This region does not have a highly diversified productive base, as is the case in the Detroit area. Finally, ranking ethnicity remains a subjective procedure, and is thus open to considerable doubt as to reliability.

Lenski, after a review of literature on social status, pointed out that there is considerable evidence to the effect that the family may be considered as a status unit, and that the status characteristics of the family head are the chief determinants of status for other dependent family members.\(^1\) To the extent that it is possible with the data at hand, status information for head of the family will therefore be used in the present study. In the sample under study, basic interview schedule and mail-back data were available for 741 respondents. Of these, 310 were male and 431 were female. Of the latter, 206 out of the 289 who were married listed no occupation other than "Housewife or Unemployed." Since occupation of spouse was available for this sample, using the occupation of the head of the household precluded the elimination of the bulk of the "married female" group. Income was given as "family income," the use of which is consistent with the concept of treating the family as a status unit. Education, however, was given as that of the respondent himself, and no education data for spouse is available for the "married female" group. However,

\(^1\)Lenski, op. cit., p. 407.
lack of such educational data in the present study does not seriously violate the principle of treating the family as a status unit. Although the occupation of a family head does determine the "prestige" of the family, and total family income determines the economic "style of life" of the family, education may be regarded more as a "personal" status characteristic of the individual, and not a determinant of family "status." If, however, considerable discrepancy exists between the educational levels for males and females in any sample under study, the differential use of male and female education within families will invalidate comparisons of family units. This problem is not raised in the present study, however, since the median education for male respondents is 12.6 years, and the median education for female respondents is 12.5 years.

In the data on which the present study is based, occupation was originally coded according to census categories, as shown in Table 1, page 24. In the final occupational classification used in this study, the categories of "Farm owners or Farm managers" and "Farm worker or Farm foremen" were eliminated, since no respondents were recorded in them. In the original sample of 741 respondents, 74 were coded as "Retired or Student." Since this represents a fairly high proportion of the sample, and since impressionistic evidence regarding support for the Extreme Right suggests that retired persons might be particularly prone to extremist political attitudes, it was decided that the category of "Retired or Student" would be retained for special treatment, in an attempt to separate the retired persons from it.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Occupational Category</th>
<th>Typical Occupations Represented</th>
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<tr>
<td>Technical and Professional</td>
<td>Clergyman, engineer (graduate engineer or equivalent, e.g., civil, chemical, aeronautical, mechanical), physician, dentist professor, teacher (elementary, high school), technician or semi-professional (M.S., M.A., or higher academic degree or its equivalent), lawyer</td>
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<tr>
<td>Farm Owners or Farm Managers</td>
<td>Self explanatory</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Business and Managerial, Proprietors</td>
<td>Business official (credit man, buyer, college bursar), government official (federal, state and local officials with professional status, also commissioned officers of the armed services), managers (production manager, supervisor in a factory, but not a foreman), proprietor (self-employed businessman, contractor, distributor)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Clerical and Sales</td>
<td>Clerical worker (file clerk, general office worker, typist, bookkeeper), salesman (sales agent, insurance salesman, realtor), salesperson (retail, local or small district merchandise salesman)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Craftsmen</td>
<td>Carpenter, plumber, electrician, machinist</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Machine Operators</td>
<td>Factory machine worker, bus driver, switchman</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Armed Forces (enlisted), Service Workers</td>
<td>Member of the armed forces (enlisted), occupations not elsewhere classified, service worker (policeman, fireman, letter carrier, waiter, barber, cook, usher, attendant)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Laborers</td>
<td>(except farm)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Farm Workers or Farm Foremen</td>
<td>Self explanatory</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Retired or Student</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Housewife or Unemployed</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The procedure used will be discussed later in this chapter. The category of "Housewife or Unemployed" also received special treatment. Married females in this category were classified on the final occupational scale according to the occupation of spouse. The rationale for this procedure has already been discussed. For males and "unattached" females (single, widowed, divorced or separated who are of retirement age, the assumption has been made that "unemployed," for the purposes of occupational classification, is roughly equivalent to "retired."

Therefore, persons in the "Housewife or Unemployed" group, who are not classifiable by spouses' occupation, will be treated in the same manner as those who are in the "Retired or Student" group.

In addition to age, sex and marital status, one further variable was used to assist in classifying respondents, particularly those in the two categories discussed in the preceding paragraph, by occupation. This variable is "source of income," which also enters into the classification of divorced and separated females. The coding procedure for this factor is presented in Table 2 below.

**TABLE 2. CODING CATEGORIES FOR SOURCE OF INCOME**

1. Husband's salary or wages from employer
2. Wife's salary or wages from employer
3. Income from own business or profession
4. Rentals of property to others
5. Annuities or pensions (including G.I. Bill)
6. Interest or dividends on investments
7. Farming
8. Welfare or social security payments
9. Other income
10. Don't Know
11. No Answer
Based on the foregoing discussion of relevant variables, a revised system for classifying respondents by occupation was developed. In the following outline of procedures, the categories of "Retired or Student" and "Housewife or Unemployed" were excluded in each case, and treated separately.

1. **Male; all marital statuses:**
   
   With the exception of the categories noted above, all male respondents were classified according to their occupation as given on the schedule.

2. **Female; single and widowed:**
   
   Being considered as unattached to a household unit, females in these two categories were classified according to their occupation as given on the schedule.

3. **Female; married:**
   
   For this group, the occupation of spouse was used in making the revised classification. As indicated earlier, this functions to classify the family according to the occupation of its head.

4. **Female; separated and divorced:**
   
   In those cases where the main source of support for the respondent was from the former spouse, and where an occupation for such spouse was given, it was used for the occupational code. For self-supported females in these two groups, their own occupation, as given on the schedule, was used.

   With respect to the categories of "Retired or Student" and "Housewife or Unemployed," the following technique of classification
was used. Those who were of possible retired age (taken as fifty-five and over, which ensures inclusion of the "voluntarily" retired), and for whom a source of income was indicated, were retained. The remaining cases were discarded as "not classifiable." This residual category thus contains all those who are either students, unemployable, or temporarily unemployed. Assuming that one's occupation determines, in large measure, his source of income, the remaining respondents in these two categories (jointly classified as "retired") were placed in the occupational classification according to their main source of income. On the basis of this variable, three categories of retired persons may be discerned:

1. Retired on independent income (income from own business or profession, interest on dividends or investments, or rentals of property to others).

2. Retired on annuities or pensions.

3. Retired on welfare or Social Security.

Males and females in the retired group were treated according to the system of classification outlined in procedures 1 through 4 above, substituting "source of income" for "occupation." This system of classification serves to retain the retired respondents in the sample, while making it possible to classify them meaningfully with respect to occupation (i.e., source of income).

In order to place these three retired categories in the occupational hierarchy, certain assumptions regarding the meaning of "source of income" must be made. First, it may be considered that an independent source of income (i.e., income from one's own business or
profession, interest or dividends on investments, or rentals of property to others) warrants ranking close to the top categories of salaried individuals, and above those whose main source of income is from wages. Second, it is assumed that those who are retired on annuities or pensions spent most of their occupational career in those middle or upper blue and white collar occupations that either provided a pension plan, or made it economically possible to set aside a retirement income in the form of life insurance, etc. Therefore, this category should be placed somewhere near the middle range of occupations. In order to minimize the possible error of ranking persons in these two first retired categories too highly on the occupational scale, these categories have been inserted at the bottom of the general groups to which they seem to belong. This placement will be indicated in Table 3. Third, it is assumed that those who derive their main income from welfare or social security should rank at the bottom of the occupational hierarchy.

The revised occupational classification, arrived at on the basis of the foregoing discussion, is presented in Table 3 on page 29 below. This ranking of occupational groups closely parallels that prepared by Alba Edwards for the U.S. Bureau of the Census,¹ with the exceptions that "Clerical" and "Sales" are combined, and that all service workers are classified together.

TABLE 3. REVISED OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION

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<th>Occupation</th>
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<td>Technical and Professional</td>
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<tr>
<td>Business and Managerial, Proprietors</td>
<td>87</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Retired on independent income</td>
<td>34</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clerical and Sales</td>
<td>101</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Craftsmen</td>
<td>80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Machine Operators</td>
<td>106</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Retired on annuities or pensions</td>
<td>29</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Armed Forces (enlisted), Service Workers</td>
<td>80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Laborers</td>
<td>65</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Retired on welfare, social security</td>
<td>28</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Not Classifiable</td>
<td>46</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>741</strong></td>
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</table>

In keeping with the previously discussed requisite of an equal number of class intervals in each vertical status hierarchy, income and education were also classified on a ten-interval range. Thus, the income hierarchy is merely a ten-interval range from the lowest to the highest incomes represented in the sample. Similarly, the educational hierarchy is a ten-interval range from the lowest to the highest years of schooling completed by the respondents in the sample. Only one category, that of "Trade or Business School," is not expressed in terms of years of schooling completed. This type of training is, for the most part, related to skilled blue-collar
occupations and secretarial and stenographic white-collar occupations. Since it may be regarded that trade and business schools impart training in specialized skills—training not generally available in the public school system—this educational category has been placed between "Completed high school" and "Some college."

Tables 4, 5 and 6 present the scores assigned to the rank-intervals on each of the three status hierarchies of occupation, income and education. The method used is that proposed by Lenski,1 and is based on a frequency distribution of respondents in each of the status hierarchies. From these frequency distributions, cumulative percentile ranges are computed. Scores for each interval are then assigned on the basis of the midpoint of the percentile range for each interval. In addition to the forty-six cases lost in the occupational classification, twenty-two more cases lacked information on either income or education. Therefore, a sample of 673 respondents remains for which complete occupation, income and education data is available.

Using the status scores computed in Tables 4, 5 and 6, status crystallization scores were next computed for each respondent in the sample, according to the following formula:

\[
\text{Status Crystallization Score} = 100 - \sqrt{\sum d^2},
\]

where \(d\) represents the deviations from the mean for each of his three status hierarchy (percentile) scores, and 100 the score inversion factor. This formula expresses, in notational form, the calculation

\footnote{Lenski, op. cit., p. 407}
TABLE 4. FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONDENTS BY OCCUPATION,* AND ASSIGNED PERCENTILE SCORES FOR EACH OCCUPATION RANGE

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Occupation</th>
<th>Number</th>
<th>Cumulative Percentile Range</th>
<th>Assigned Score</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Technical, Professional</td>
<td>82</td>
<td>87.9 - 100.0</td>
<td>94</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Business and Managerial, Proprietors</td>
<td>84</td>
<td>75.4 - 87.8</td>
<td>82</td>
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<tr>
<td>Retired, independent income</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>70.8 - 75.3</td>
<td>73</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clerical and Sales</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>56.0 - 70.7</td>
<td>63</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Craftsmen</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>44.1 - 55.9</td>
<td>50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Machine Operators</td>
<td>105</td>
<td>28.5 - 44.0</td>
<td>36</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Retired, annuities or pensions</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>24.8 - 28.4</td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Armed Forces (enlisted), Service Workers</td>
<td>78</td>
<td>13.2 - 24.7</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Laborers</td>
<td>64</td>
<td>3.7 - 13.1</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Retired, welfare or social security</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>0.0 - 3.6</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>673</td>
<td></td>
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</table>

* Occupation of family head for married and other attached individuals; respondent's own occupation for single individuals.
TABLE 5. FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONDENTS BY INCOME,* AND ASSIGNED PERCENTILE SCORES FOR EACH INCOME RANGE

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Annual Income</th>
<th>Number</th>
<th>Cumulative Percentile Range</th>
<th>Assigned Score</th>
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<td>$15000 and over</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>97.6 - 100.0</td>
<td>99</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10000 - 14999</td>
<td>48</td>
<td>90.4 - 97.5</td>
<td>94</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7000 - 9999</td>
<td>106</td>
<td>74.7 - 90.3</td>
<td>83</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6000 - 6999</td>
<td>95</td>
<td>60.6 - 74.6</td>
<td>68</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5000 - 5999</td>
<td>127</td>
<td>41.7 - 60.5</td>
<td>51</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4000 - 4999</td>
<td>101</td>
<td>26.7 - 41.6</td>
<td>34</td>
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<tr>
<td>3000 - 3999</td>
<td>68</td>
<td>16.6 - 26.6</td>
<td>22</td>
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<tr>
<td>2000 - 2999</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>10.4 - 16.5</td>
<td>13</td>
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<td>1000 - 1999</td>
<td>49</td>
<td>3.1 - 10.3</td>
<td>7</td>
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<td>less than 1000</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>0.0 - 3.0</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>673</strong></td>
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* Income of total family for married and other attached individuals; respondent's own income for single individuals.
### TABLE 6. FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONDENTS BY EDUCATION,* AND ASSIGNED PERCENTILE SCORES FOR EACH EDUCATION RANGE

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Education</th>
<th>Number</th>
<th>Cumulative Percentile Range</th>
<th>Assigned Score</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Graduate work</td>
<td>46</td>
<td>93.3 - 100.0</td>
<td>97</td>
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<tr>
<td>Completed undergraduate college</td>
<td>68</td>
<td>83.2 - 93.2</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Some College</td>
<td>105</td>
<td>67.6 - 83.1</td>
<td>75</td>
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<tr>
<td>Trade or Business School</td>
<td>47</td>
<td>60.6 - 67.5</td>
<td>64</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Completed High School</td>
<td>182</td>
<td>33.5 - 60.5</td>
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<tr>
<td>11 years of schooling</td>
<td>39</td>
<td>27.7 - 33.4</td>
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<td>9 - 10 years of schooling</td>
<td>71</td>
<td>17.2 - 27.6</td>
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<td>8 years of schooling</td>
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<td>4.1 - 17.1</td>
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<td>7 years of schooling</td>
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<td>1 - 6 years of schooling</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>0.0 - 1.9</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>673</strong></td>
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* Education of respondent as reported on interview schedule.
of status crystallization scores developed by Lenski. Before inversion, these scores are similar to a standard deviation of percentiles.¹

The following hypothetical example will illustrate the calculation procedure. Assume that a respondent has occupation, income and education scores (from Tables 4, 5 and 6 respectively) of 36, 68 and 47. The mean for these three scores is 50.33. Deviations from the mean are thus -14.33, 17.67 and -3.33. The respondent’s status crystallization score is:

\[
\text{Status Crystallization Score} = 100 - \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \sum d^2}
\]

\[
= 100 - \sqrt{\frac{(-14.33)^2 + (17.67)^2 + (-3.33)^2}{2}}
\]

\[
= 100 - \sqrt{528.60}
\]

\[
= 100 - 22.99
\]

\[
= 77.01
\]

The process of calculating 673 such scores was expedited by the use of the IBM 1620 Computer in the University of Oregon Statistical Lab and Computing Center.² The distribution of status crystallization scores obtained for the sample under study is presented in Table 7, page 35.

Recent research using the status crystallization model has indicated that certain variables are closely associated only with highly uncrystallized status. These findings appear consistent with Parsons’ observations that certain “mechanisms of adjustment” exist

¹For a discussion of this point, see supra, p. 20.

²Appreciation is expressed to the University of Oregon for financial support of this computing work, and to Ronald Sikes (senior in Economics) and Terry Byers (graduate in Mathematics) for programming and computing assistance.
TABLE 7. FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF STATUS CRYSTALLIZATION SCORES*

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Total 673

* A high score indicates "crystallized" status; a low score indicates "uncrystallized" status.
in American society that tend to reduce the effects of status discrepancies.\(^1\) Thus, it may be expected that only pronounced status discrepancies, which are not as greatly compensated for by these mechanisms as mild discrepancies, will result in given symptomatic reactions. Lenski, in his study of political liberalism, found that variable to be most closely associated with status crystallization when he compared the least crystallized quarter of his population (actually, the least crystallized twenty-eight per cent) with the most crystallized three-quarters.\(^2\) He gave as his reason for establishing this cutting point the fact that a "natural break" could be observed at this point. Kenkel, in a replication of Lenski's study, cut his sample into the two crystallization categories at the median.\(^3\) He reported finding no difference between the two crystallization groups with respect to the variable under study. In replying to Kenkel's commentary, Lenski stated that he deliberately made a comparison between the most crystallized three-quarters of his sample and the least crystallized one-quarter, and concluded as follows:

\(^{1}\)Talcott Parsons, "A revised Analytical Approach to the Study of Social Stratification," in Reinhard Bendix and Seymour Martin Lipset (eds.), Class, Status and Power, Glencoe: The Free Press, 1953, pp. 92-128. The two mechanisms, discussed on page 122, are the relatively wide range of facilities available to the public without specific status implications, and the degree of insulation that exists between different status groups, thus preventing excessive direct contact.

\(^{2}\)Lenski, op. cit.

The evidence observed in the original study indicated that liberal tendencies seemed to result only from marked or pronounced inconsistencies of status.¹

In a more recent study, Jackson reports the following finding:

Thus, in a gross comparison of consistency [crystallization] categories, only the least consistent fifth of the sample appeared to be different from the consistent group in [psychosomatic] symptom level.²

In light of the foregoing evidence, low and high crystallization categories for this study will be established by dividing the sample at the first quartile, taking as a base the lowest crystallization score. This is accomplished by dividing the frequency distribution given in Table 7 between scores 64 and 65. The low crystallization group thus consists of 176 cases (the sum of frequencies from score 32 to score 64), which represents twenty-six per cent of the total sample of 673 cases. The remaining three-quarters of this sample will therefore be regarded as having high status crystallization.

In this chapter, the independent variable of the present study--status crystallization--has been defined and operationalized. The next chapter will be devoted to arriving at a definition of the dependent variable of Right-Wing Extremism.


CHAPTER III

TOWARD A DEFINITION OF THE EXTREME RIGHT

Current Definitions, Explicit or Implicit

One of the most persistent impressions one gets when reading the considerable body of literature that has accumulated on the phenomenon of the Extreme Right is that there seems to be a tacit assumption on the part of the writers concerned that everyone knows exactly what is being discussed. Such an assumption may be sufficient for impressionistic observations about the Extreme Right, but if any intensive and scientific study is to be made of this phenomenon, a clear definition of what is to be studied would be in order. No study can claim to be "scientific" unless an explicit definition on the subject to be studied is given. This logical necessity of a definition has been pointed out by Cohen and Nagel:

"Logically, definitions aim to lay bare the principal features or structure of a concept, partly in order to make it definite, to delimit it from other concepts, and partly in order to make possible a systematic exploration of the subject matter with which it deals."¹

Thus, it would appear that the first concern of this study should be to investigate what definitions of the Extreme Right are currently in use,

with a view to developing a definition capable of being expressed in operational terms.

In Chapter I, it was pointed out that the definition of the Extreme Right to be used in this study would have to satisfy two general conditions— it should focus on the ideological aspect of the Extreme Right, and it should be capable of being operationalized in terms of attitudinal indicators. All of the definitions which will be considered in this section seem to satisfy the first of these conditions. Some explicitly contain the terms "ideology" or "movement," the latter of which, in the impressionistic sense of the word, connotes an ideological organization of beliefs, values, opinions, feelings, etc. about some social object. Others imply the concept of ideology in the use of words such as "dissent," "discontent," "conviction," and so forth. However, all of these definitions contain shortcomings with respect to the definiens, not the least of which is the inclusion of terms too vague to be expressed in operational terms. This emphasis on operationalism is not meant to imply, of course, that operational definitions are the only kind that have a place in sociological research. In any investigation of social phenomena, one has to begin somewhere, and certainly a logical starting point is an ad hoc classification of what is to be studied. This kind of definition facilitates the meaningful organization of the researcher's observations, and helps him to limit his analysis to the specific problem at hand. However, such an approach to the definitional question is not sufficient for
more systematic investigations requiring explicit indicators of the subject under study.

Thus, although the definitions reviewed in this section serve to focus attention on certain characteristics of the Extreme Right, they all suffer shortcomings which invalidate them for the particular research purposes of the present study. These definitions may be grouped according to three weaknesses: phenomenological misinterpretations, lack of equivalence between the definiendum and the definiens, and vague or obscure referents.¹

1. Phenomenological misinterpretations in the following definitions arise from two sources—either their authors failed to take into account certain properties of the Extreme Right in their analyses, or events subsequent to the formulation of the definitions have rendered them invalid. The first definition to be considered in this section is the following statement regarding Right-Wing groups:

What all these groups are at heart is the same old isolationist, Anglophobe, Germanophile revolt of radical Populist lunatic-fringers against the eastern, educated, Anglicized elite.²

First, while it is true that certain points advocated by Right-Wing groups are isolationist in nature (e.g., withdrawal from the United

¹The second and third of these points are discussed in Cohen and Nagel, ibid., pp. 238-241. The authors also draw attention to the problems of circular definitions and definitions expressed in negative terms. However, neither of these two problems are evidenced in the definitions considered in this section.

Nations), this concept seems inconsistent with the aggressive militancy of the Extreme Right about foreign affairs. This militancy goes beyond the position of a "world-wide Monroe Doctrine," and would have the United States be the aggressor nation in war against the Communist bloc. Second, whereas American Populism of the late 1880's was basically a revolutionary agrarian movement, directed largely against urban interest groups, it is doubtful that "populist" can adequately define the Extreme Right of today. Although considerable support for the Extreme Right comes from rural areas of the South and the Mid-West, it also draws a great deal of support from the urban upper classes (e.g., business executives, entrepreneurs, and the D.A.R.).

This problem of defining the Extreme Right in terms of opposition to the upper classes also characterizes Parsons' definition of McCarthyism, which may be taken as an example of Extreme Right expression. In Parsons' terms, McCarthyism was:

... both a movement supported by certain vested-interest elements and a popular revolt against the upper classes.\(^1\)

As will be demonstrated later in this chapter, a major characteristic of the Extreme Right is its opposition to certain socialistic trends in modern society. The bureaucratic control and management and the higher tax rates that are concomitant with this modern trend would conceivably tend to alienate the upper classes, particularly the "ragged aristocracy," from the main stream of American politics, at least from an

\(^1\)Talcott Parsons, "Social Strains in America," in Bell, ibid., p. 136.
economic point of view. Thus, there would appear to be greater justification for placing the old, elite classes on the same side of the political fence as the Extreme Right, rather than in opposition. This nature of Extreme Right support is documented by Janson and Eismann, who observe:

First to produce a sizeable following for the Far Right were the Southern and Southwestern bastions of religious fundamentalism and political conservatism and the upper-class suburbs of urban areas.¹

A final point regarding Parsons' definition is his reference to "vested-interest elements." This concept would be difficult to interpret in operational terms, since Parsons does not indicate what these elements are, nor the nature of their interests.²

The last definition to be considered under this heading is the only explicitly-stated one to be reviewed, and was arrived at through an extensive survey of the literature of, and pertaining to the Extreme Right:

In summary, the American Right Wing may be said to include all those who share the conviction that the relationship of government to the individual should be severely limited.³

Although this definition is accurate as far as it goes, it only par-


²Although this point actually belongs in the section on "vague or obscure referents," it was included here to avoid repetition and confusion.

tially characterizes the phenomenon of the Extreme Right. Its limitation becomes evident when we observe that extremist opposition to government is contradicted by the fact that the Extreme Right tolerates or even encourages "big government" in matters of national security or national defense. Moreover, this definition would also characterize left-wing anarchists.

2. The rule regarding equivalence between the definiendum and the definiens is expressed by Cohen and Nagel as follows:

A definition must give the essence of that which is to be defined. The definiens must be equivalent to the definiendum—it must be applicable to everything of which the definiendum can be predicated, and applicable to nothing else.¹

Of the definitions reviewed, two do not appear to meet this requirement. The first is given by Hofstadter, who defines the Extreme Right as a:

... dissent ... which can most accurately be called pseudo-conservative ... because its exponents, although they believe themselves to be conservative and usually employ the rhetoric of conservatism, show signs of serious and restless dissatisfaction with American life, traditions and institutions.²

Hofstadter's net would appear to be cast too wide to catch only the Extreme Right. Believing oneself to be a conservative, and being dissatisfied with American life, traditions and institutions would certainly characterize the political attitude of many conservatives who are not Right-Wing Extremists. However, before summarily rejecting the concept of "pseudo-conservative," a closer investigation of who

¹Cohen and Nagel, op. cit., p. 238.
the pseudo-conservative is should be made. The concept is taken from Adorno, who defined the pseudo-conservative as follows:

The pseudo-conservative is a man who, in the name of upholding traditional American values and institutions and defending them against more or less fictitious dangers, consciously or unconsciously aims at their abolition.¹

This definition, like so many of a psychological nature, falls far short of one which can be operationalized in sociological terms. What are "traditional American values and institutions" and "more or less fictitious dangers"? Do all those who uphold these values and institutions and defend them against dangers, fictitious or otherwise, aim at their abolition? Conversely, do those who aim at their abolition uphold and defend them? Too much latitude is given by the phrases "more or less" and "consciously or unconsciously." Hofstadter himself asks, and answers, the question of who is a pseudo-conservative:

Who is the pseudo-conservative and what does he want? It is impossible to identify him by class, for the pseudo-conservative impulse can be found in practically all classes in society, although its power probably rests largely upon its appeal to the less educated members of the middle class. The ideology of the pseudo-conservative can be characterized but not defined, because the pseudo-conservative tends to be more than ordinarily incoherent about politics.²

Thus, aside from the basic problem of lack of equivalence in Hofstadter's definition, it would appear that the problems inherent in operationalizing the concept of "pseudo-conservative" itself further rule against the use of this definition in the present research.

¹Ibid., p. 35. The original source is Adorno, et al., The Authoritarian Personality, New York: Harper and Brothers, 1950, p. 676.
²Ibid., pp. 35-36.
The other view of the Extreme Right which falls into this category is one given by the Marxist historian Aptheker in his discussion of McCarthyism:

\[ \text{McCarthyism} \] is the name of an ultra-reactionary, a fascist, political movement whose main stock-in-trade is anti-Communism. .. McCarthyism is American fascism.\(^1\)

Although "anti-Communism" is a recurrent theme in the expressions of Extreme Right groups, it is not sufficient as the central criterion for defining the Extreme Right. There are many individuals and groups in this country who are anti-Communist, even militantly so, who are not Right-Wing Extremists. The pitfall of defining the Extreme Right in terms of "anti-Communism" is that of "mistaking the symptom for the disease." Notwithstanding the fact that anti-Communism is one of the many attitudinal characteristics of the Extreme Right, the label of "Communist" is also a convenient and culturally approved brush with which to tar many other elements in the society, in order to legitimate the extremist's opposition to them. An additional point in Aptheker's definition may be referred to here, although it actually relates to the problem of phenomenological misinterpretation. The point is that Aptheker's definition of McCarthyism as American fascism might be difficult to document. To be sure, McCarthy's demagoguery was reminiscent of Hitler's, and much of McCarthy's overt following came from those who had supported fascist and semifascist movements in the thirties and forties. However, as Richard Rovere points out, there are crucial

points at which contrast between Hitler and McCarthy is more striking than comparison:

Hitler had a program for the coming millennium; McCarthy had no program for tomorrow morning. Hitler's aim was to win control of the machinery of state; it is still arguable as to whether McCarthy was up to anything of quite this magnitude. He never encouraged direct action by his followers; he did not organize uniformed groups or even raggle-taggle street fighters. Politically, he never tried to organize outside the existing party structure, and there are reasons for supposing that he never intended to do so.¹

Commenting on McCarthy's political philosophy, Rovere writes:

He was not, for example, totalitarian in any significant sense, or even reactionary. These terms apply mainly to the social and economic order, and the social and economic order didn't interest him in the slightest. If he was anything at all in the realm of ideas, principles, doctrines, he was a species of nihilist; he was an essentially destructive force, a revolutionist without any revolutionary vision, a rebel without a cause.²

Thus, at least to the extent that McCarthyism may be regarded as an example of Extreme Right expression, the uses of the terms "anti-Communist" and "fascist" would appear inappropriate in defining the phenomenon under study.

3. Four additional definitions may be considered under the heading of "vague or obscure referents." By this is meant the introduction in the definiens of substantive examples which are not supported by reference to a reality situation, or the use of vague and general concepts which are not clearly defined or established in prior or


²Ibid., p. 8.
subsequent discussion. The first definition to be considered in this section is one advanced by Daniel Bell. He describes the Extreme Right as an example of:

... protest movements... new divisions within the society created by the status anxieties of new middle class groups...

Thus, Bell seems to be defining the Extreme Right in terms of "status politics." This concept is not uncommon in political sociology, and has been advanced by writers such as Bell, Richard Hofstadter, and S. M. Lipset. Lipset has defined the term as follows:

Status politics... refers to political movements whose appeal is to the not uncommon resentments of individuals or groups who desire to maintain or improve their social status.

This concept may have considerable utility as an "orienting" concept for the present investigation, since it would appear to be relevant to the concept of "status crystallization." A major problem in Bell's definition, however, is created by the use of the terms "new divisions" and "new middle class groups." The nature of these new divisions within society is not made clear, nor is there any evidence given to indicate that they really exist. If such heuristic constructs are to have utility in scientific research, there must be some way of "grounding them in reality." Since this has not been done in Bell's discussion, his definition would not appear suitable for the purposes of the

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1Daniel Bell, "Interpretations of American Politics," in Bell, op. cit., pp. 5, 29.

2S. M. Lipset, "The Sources of the 'Radical Right'," in Bell, op. cit., p. 168.
present investigation. Moreover, Bell's statement does not comply with the logical conditions of a definition, since he confounds definition with hypothesis. That is, the statement, "created by the status anxieties of new middle class groups," seems to be an implicit hypothesis.

Riesman and Glazer view Right-Wing Extremism as an expression of the discontent of what they call the "discontented classes."¹ This discontent centers in the new middle class which has evolved as a result of fifteen years of prosperity. This definition suffers from the same shortcoming as Daniel Bell's. That is, no elucidation of what the "discontented classes" are is given, nor is any evidence given to indicate that such classes really exist.

Lipset, in his paper in the Bell volume, makes no attempt at a formal definition of the Extreme Right. However, he does state:

These Right-wing groups are but one more manifestation of American political and moral activity, much like the popular attempts to ban liquor, gambling, or immorality in comic strips.²

This definition could have value in studying Right-Wing Extremism, since it suggests that attention should be focused on the moralistic elements in this type of political behavior. However, its application would require a prior definition of the vague term, "political and moral activity," which is not given in Lipset's discussion.

¹David Riesman and Nathan Glazer, "The Intellectuals and the Discontented classes," in Bell, op. cit., p. 61.
²S. M. Lipset, op. cit., p. 181.
In another paper, published elsewhere, Lipset defines the Extreme Right, specifically McCarthyism, as an:

- irrational protest ideology espoused by discontented declining 'liberal' classes living in declining areas.\(^1\)

In addition to the questionable utility of the term "irrational" (i.e., against what criteria is the rationality of the Extreme Right to be judged?), the reference to "declining 'liberal' classes" poses the same problem as the previous definitions considered in this section. That is, there is little or no evidence given to indicate that these social groups actually do exist and can be clearly identified.

In summarizing this review of the literature on definitions of the Extreme Right, the following points may be made.

1. Very few explicit definitions of the Extreme Right have been made to date.

2. A number of implicit definitions may be drawn out of the existing literature on the Extreme Right.

3. Many of these definitions have a potentially valuable "orienting" function, in that they direct attention to certain significant characteristics of the Extreme Right.

4. For a number of reasons, however, none of the definitions considered, in their present form, adequately define the Extreme Right for the purposes of the present investigation. Either because of

\(^1\)S. M. Lipset, "Social Stratification and 'Right-Wing Extremism'," British Journal of Sociology, 10 (December, 1959), p. 28.
phenomenological misinterpretations, lack of equivalence between the definiendum and the definiens, or the use of vague or obscure referents, none of the definitions considered could be readily expressed in operational terms.

In view of these considerations, the next task in this chapter must be to define the Extreme Right in terms that will permit representation by operational indicators.

**Toward a Definition of the Extreme Right**

A basic assumption of the present investigation is that the Extreme Right is essentially political in nature. The fact that this country has a two-party political system tends to obscure the possibility that a variety of political attitudes can and, in fact, do exist. In countries having a multi-party system, such as France, institutionalized channels of expression for various types of political attitudes are manifest. Consequently, a wide range of political attitude is laid open to investigation by an equally wide range of political behavior. In the American political system, on the other hand, splinter parties, operating through alternative channels of political expression, have not been successful in gaining direct political power, and are either short-lived or doomed to obscurity. The necessity for the two dominant political parties to compete for the support of a heterogeneous electorate tends to reduce the difference between them, and institutionalized channels of extremist political expression are forestalled from developing within the existing political framework,
since they would be antithetical to the necessarily "middle of the road" posture of both parties. The militancy and millenarianism of the Extreme Right reflect the "crises of legitimacy" to which this element in the American political system is exposed. Frustrated in gaining access to formal and institutionalized political power, the Extreme Right has pinned its hope on a policy of militant and unilateral action designed to bring about desired changes in the political system in a not-too-distant millennium.

Further evidence of the political nature of the Extreme Right lies in the fact that most of the changes which extremist groups advocate are designed to be implemented primarily through the political framework of society. In addition, the Extreme Right seeks alignment with institutionalized conservative political forces. This is evidenced, for example, in Right-Wing support for Senators Goldwater, Tower and Eastland.

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1Daniel Bell, in "Interpretations of American Politics," op. cit., pp. 4-5, discusses this situation as follows: "Perhaps the most decisive fact about politics in the United States is the two-party system. Each party is like some huge bazaar, with hundreds of hucksters clamoring for attention. But while life within the bazaars flows freely and licenses are easy to obtain, all trading has to be conducted within the tents; the ones who hawk their wares outside are doomed to few sales. This fact gains meaning when we consider one of the striking facts about American life: America has thrown up countless social movements, but few political parties; in contradiction to European political life, few of the social movements have been able to transform themselves into political parties."

2This problem of inability to gain formal political power and recognition is discussed in S. M. Lipset, Political Man, Garden City, New York: Doubleday and Company, Inc., 1960, Chapter III, "Social Conflict, Legitimacy, and Democracy," pp. 77-96.
In sum, then, the Extreme Right may be regarded as an as yet non-institutionalized political ideology. The use of the term "ideology" here is in the sense in which it is defined in Chapter I—an organization of attitudes, opinions and values about society. In the literature on social movements, ideology is usually distinguished from the specific program of change that a group advocates, as, for example, in the following statement from Turner and Killian:

At the outset we may distinguish the particular program of change that a movement advocates from the conception of society through which it justifies that program. The latter we shall call the ideology of the movement...¹

This conception of ideology will thus permit a study of the attitudinal characteristics of the Extreme Right without going into a detailed analysis of the content of the program of the Right-Wing movement. The advantage of this position becomes apparent when we consider that the Extreme Right is composed of many groups advocating many different (and sometimes opposing) programs of change. Aside from the very vagueness of most of these programs, there exists no one effort to inaugurate changes that is universal to the Extreme Right per se. Thus, studying the Extreme Right under the full rubric of a "social movement" analysis would necessitate analyzing the organization and programs of the totality of groups constituting the Extreme Right—a monumental task when one considers how many there are.

The next phase of this investigation will be to establish, by the process of "intuitive induction,"\(^1\) a definition, capable of being operationalized, which will delimit the Extreme Right from other phenomena. To this end, we shall attempt to discern a number of the outstanding characteristics of the Extreme Right. The most extensive survey of such characteristics published to date is that of Ellsworth and Harris.\(^2\) To those which they have identified, I have added a number drawn from my own surveys of available literature.\(^3\) The initial investigation took the form of a content analysis of this material to determine what the Extreme Right advocated or supported and what they

\(^1\) Basically, this process consists of making empirical observations of a phenomenon, in order to arrive at a basic knowledge of it. For a discussion of this form of reasoning, see Morris R. Cohen and Ernest Nagel, op. cit., pp. 273-275.

\(^2\) Ralph E. Ellsworth and Sarah M. Harris, op. cit.

opposed or rejected. As might be expected, a considerable overlapping
of the attitudes expressed by different groups and individuals occurred.
However, some twenty-seven relatively distinct attitudes, mostly nega-
tivistic, appeared manifest. A preliminary inspection of these
attitudes suggested that they fell under four general headings.¹ These
hypothesized categories, and the attitudes constituting them, are as
follows:

I. Attitudes regarding government:

- Opposition to strong central government.²
- Belief in strong government and leaders, but at the local level.
- Dissatisfaction with the United States Supreme Court.
- Opposition to the Federal Reserve System.
- Conviction that there is corruption in government.
- General distrust of the federal government.
- Opposition to increased government spending, higher taxes.
- Opposition to metropolitan government.
- Opposition to urban renewal.

II. Attitudes regarding international relations:

- Opposition to foreign entanglements.
- Dedication to an "America First" approach.
- Opposition to the United Nations.
- Opposition to foreign aid, Point Four Programs, NATO, etc.

¹These hypothesized groupings will be tested by means of a
cluster analysis, to be presented in Chapter IV and Appendix B.

²It must be borne in mind that this opposition is selective.
The Right-Wing Extremist's conception of the function of the state is
not unlike that of the classical liberal, who saw the state as a pro-
tector of property and a preserver of order, much like a night watchman,
rather than as an entity which imposed positive obligations upon
individuals. Thus, the extremist's major opposition to the federal
government is in those areas where he is told what he should do (e.g.,
desegregation). On the other hand, Right-Wing support is given to
strong government in matters pertaining to security (e.g., congression-
al investigating committees). For an interesting discussion of this
conception of the state, see Harry K. Girvetz, From Wealth to Welfare:
The Evolution of Liberalism, Stanford, California: Stanford University
Press, 1950, pp. 68-78.
III. Attitudes regarding modern social principles:

Opposition to modern education.
Opposition to racial integration.
Suspicion of international collectivism (e.g., the Common Market).
Militant anti-Communism.
Political cynicism.¹
Opposition to "social gospel" Protestantism.

IV. Attitudes regarding modern social structure and operation:²

Opposition to socialized medicine.
Opposition to collective bargaining.
Support of "right to work" proposals.
Support of "free enterprise."
Opposition to "full employment."
Opposition to the "welfare state."
Opposition to federal aid to health and education.
Suspicion of modern "progressive" innovations.³

The main theme running through these attitudes appears to be a general opposition to certain forms of "collectivism." This view is strengthened by an inspection of statements by some of the leaders of Extreme Right groups. Robert Welch, for example, devotes all of section two of his Blue Book to the "cancer of collectivism."⁴ Leslie Fleming,

¹This attitude refers primarily to the attitudes and motivations of politicians and to the operation of the political system in general rather than to any specific political issues.

²A distinction should be drawn between this category and the preceding one regarding "modern social principles." The latter refers primarily to a generalized attitudinal framework through which the Right-Wing Extremist regards his society. "Modern social structure and operation," on the other hand, refers more to specific programmatic policies, particularly those of the contemporary liberal state.

³E.g., fluoridation, psychiatry, pastoral counselling, mental health programs, mental hospitals, etc.

President of the Oregon John Birch Society, states that the program of the Society is "... individuality opposing collectivism," and R. K. Scott, President of America's Future, Incorporated, writes of his organization's "... unbending opposition to all forms of collectivism including the communist conspiracy." The kinds of collectivism opposed by the Extreme Right are primarily Communism and the type of contemporary liberalism practiced in the United States. With a few notable exceptions (such as the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Bonneville Power Administration), contemporary American liberalism does not tend toward governmental ownership and management of the means for the production and distribution of goods. Rather, the governmental role in the economy tends more toward increasing control and regulation, while relying, for the most part, on a market system economy and its corollaries of private property and private profit.

In addition to this control or regulatory aspect, Extreme Right opposition also extends to an underlying philosophy of contemporary American liberalism—one which may be called the "ameliorative" or welfare function of the state. This function refers not only to an

1Excerpted from the transcript of a speech delivered by Leslie Fleming, President of the Oregon John Birch Society, at Clark College, Vancouver, Washington, February 26, 1962. Published in Face: The Emerald Features Supplement, University of Oregon, Thursday, May 17, 1962, under the following affirmation: "This is the views (sic) of myself and the John Birch Society. LESLIE FLEMING (signed), Box 3174, Eugene, Oregon, May 5, 1962."

2Quoted from a personal communication received from R. K. Scott, President of America's Future, Incorporated, 542 Main Street, New Rochelle, New York, March 12, 1963.
acceptance of responsibility on the part of the state for the basic well-being of its members, but also to systematic planning aimed at providing fuller lives for all members of the state. Extreme Right antagonism to this kind of welfare function, or "quasi-paternalism," reflects not only a practical opposition to taxation—a requisite for the financing of welfare and aid programs—but also a belief that man will not be motivated to work unless he suffers deprivation. This belief has its roots in the classical liberal view of the psychological nature of man.¹ According to this view, man is motivated by self-interest ("egoism") or pleasure ("hedonism"). From this, it follows that purposive activity must somehow be induced—unless some enticement is offered by way of pleasure or advantage, man will remain apathetic and inert ("quietism"). However, man is also basically rational ("intellectualism"). Given a choice of alternatives, reason will balance the quality of pleasure or pain involved, and conduct will follow that course of action which carries the greatest pleasure or the least pain. In order to motivate man to purposive activity, the pains of deprivation must therefore exceed those of work. If, on the other hand, public welfare and assistance programs permit man to consume without toiling, the pleasures thus derived will be so great as to encourage perpetual indolence.

¹For a full discussion of the nature of this view and its consequences for classical liberal thought, see Harry K. Girvetz, op. cit., esp. pp. 7-27 and 28-42.
It is against the collectivistic or socialistic principles of contemporary American liberalism that the main force of Extreme Right expression is directed. Since a great deal of the policy of the present liberal government is based on these principles, it is understandable that the federal government should be a primary target of the Extreme Right. However, tendencies toward socialism at any governmental level are decried. At the state level, public (i.e., governmental) management of state supported institutions (particularly educational institutions) is closely scrutinized. At this level, however, extremists must walk a very thin line, since "States' Rights" is a battle cry against the extension of federal government power.

Socialistic tendencies at the local government level (such as urban renewal—a joint federal-local project—and metropolitan government) are also opposed by the Extreme Right, primarily for tactical reasons. This is understandable in light of the extremist conviction, articulated by spokesmen such as Carl McIntire, Billy Hargis, Fred Schwartz and W. Cleon Skousen, that the fight against collectivism must begin at the local or "grass roots" level.

At the international level, the greatest source of concern to the Extreme Right is the United Nations, and America's participation in it. In the eyes of the extremist, that body is collectivism incarnate, and practically every group on the Extreme Right has expressed vehement opposition to it. American aid to foreign countries is also protested, being regarded in the same light as social welfare on the domestic scene.
The militant anti-Communism of the Extreme Right can also be understood under this frame of reference, since the Right Wing considers that Communism is either the polar extension of socialism, or, what is worse, that socialism is merely Communism by another name. This approach to the anti-Communism of the Extreme Right also explains the bias against intellectuals, liberals, modernists and progressives. Since these are the main groups advocating socialism, it is understandable that they be labelled as "Communist," and treated as such.

By the same token, it is natural that most of the modern philosophies and programs advocated by these liberal groups be suspect in the eyes of the Extreme Right. Thus, "progressive education," a modern innovation, is regarded by the extremists as a means through which the socialistic, liberal elements in the society are attempting to indoctrinate the younger generation with their insidious beliefs. Higher education, primarily in the liberal arts and the social sciences, is also a target of the Extreme Right. Similarly, modern innovations such as pastoral counselling, mental health programs, psychiatry, mental hospitals, and even fluoridation are all regarded as part of a modern, collectivistic conspiracy.

What the extremist proposes as an alternative to this collectivism is a political state in which the individual is the final arbiter of truth. A consistent and militant theme in the agitation of the Extreme Right is for the individual to awake, to arouse himself from the apathy to which he has been led, to be aware of the dangers which surround him, and to take action against those
dangers, as well as against the leaders who have brought him to this pass. The notion of an enslaved people dominated by corrupt leaders is a recurrent one in Extreme Right expression. The Right-Wing Extremist views his world in terms of a simplistic, black-and-white dichotomy. In his eyes, an impersonal, rationalized, complex, technical, bureaucratic "society" is destroying the simple virtue of man as an "individual." ¹

Given this picture of the extremist "world view," the philosophy underlying the Extreme Right may be discerned. The essence of this philosophy lies in the Right-Wing Extremist's atomistic, as opposed to organicist, view of the relationship between man and society. "Atomism" refers to the conception that the whole is nothing more than the sum of its parts. "Organicism," on the other hand, refers to the conception of the whole as something more than the sum of its constituent parts--a reality sui generis. Applied to society, "atomism" is the view that individuals make society; "organicism" is the view that society makes individuals. ² Girvetz has summarized the atomistic philosophy as follows:

¹This extremist "world view" has been recognized by several of the contributors, in their 1962 articles, to Daniel Bell (ed.), The Radical Right (The New American Right expanded and updated), Garden City, New York: Doubleday and Company, Inc., 1963. See, for example, Daniel Bell, "The Dispossessed," pp. 1-38; David Riesman, "The Intellectuals and the Discontented Classes: Some Further Reflections," pp. 115-134; Talcott Parsons, "Social Strains in America: A Postscript," pp. 193-199.

²Theories of society based on these polarities have characterized almost the entire history of social thought. Although their roots go back into classical philosophy, the development of atomism and
The classical liberals, in accord with their atomistic outlook, regarded social institutions as the handiwork of pre-existing individuals whose characteristic mental and emotional endowments antedate the social arrangements into which these individuals enter. Even rights are often regarded as natural, that is to say, as antedating the state. Social arrangements affect individual human nature only superficially. They are additive and artificial, and their importance is largely negative, an importance which consists mostly of removing obstacles which might prevent individuals from achieving complete self-expression. The relationship between individuals and society is an external one; the individual with his various propensities and faculties is given, and society is an arrangement of convenience, whereby faculties operate more effectively and propensities are more likely to find fruition. To repeat social institutions are created by the fiat of self-contained individuals; they are instruments, even expedients, which the individual can employ or discard without fundamentally altering his own nature.¹

This quotation, although somewhat extensive, is included in its entirety because of its central importance to the thesis which is being developed in these pages. This atomistic philosophy, together with the classical psychological view of the nature of man discussed earlier, constitute the basic identifying characteristic of the Extreme organismism may be conveniently traced from their Eighteenth Century formulations. The former is evidenced in the writings of men such as Hobbes (1588-1679), Rousseau (1712-1778), Burke (1729-1797), Bentham (1748-1832) and, in its Nineteenth Century specification, Spencer (1820-1903). Organicism may be traced through the writings of Locke (1632-1704), Hume (1711-1776), Blackstone (1723-1780), DeMaistre (1754-1821), DeBonald (1754-1840), Comte (1798-1857) and Durkheim (1855-1917). The empirical validity of such polarities is an academic problem, and one which need not concern us here. What is essential is the fact that the Right-Wing Extremist does view his society in these terms. That he does so has important implications for the study of his attitudes and behavior, for, as W. I. Thomas has pointed out in his concept of "definition of the situation," what men believe to be true are true in their consequences.

¹Girvetz, op. cit., p. 23.
Right—a characteristic which will be referred to herein as "individualism." Individualism is defined by Webster as:

A theory or policy having primary regard for individual rights, specifically one maintaining the independence of individual initiative, action and interests . . . .

This individualism is not unlike that discussed by Max Weber in his essay on the Protestant Ethic. Specifically, it is epitomized in the Ascetic Protestant attitude that the success or failure of every man, both in this world and in the next, rests on his own individual initiative. This is the attitude which finds expression in the Right-Wing Extremist's opposition to "assistance" programs and his abhorrence of the maxim, "from each according to his ability, to each according to his need." It is from the expression of this attitude by Right-Wing Extremists that many writers deduce the notion of "regression" as a dominant characteristic of the Extreme Right—a desire to return to the nineteenth century. In maintaining this principle of individualism in opposition to what has been earlier described under the heading of "collectivism," the Right-Wing Extremist is opposing a system which would not only take away the fruits of one's labors (through taxation) to distribute it to those who did nothing to earn it (through social welfare), but would also restrict (through government control) one's prerogative to act in his own best interest in all matters.


The form of individualism which is advocated by the Extreme Right is selective in nature. First, independence of initiative, action and interests would not be extended to all individuals or groups. Minority groups would be excluded, as would those individuals who did not share the Extreme Right's opposition to collectivism (such as modernists and liberals). Second, the infringement of individualism would be tolerated in those situations where intervention and/or control may be regarded as furthering the aims and interests of the Extreme Right. This explains the Extreme Right's Janus approach to the federal government. For example, while federal intervention in school desegregation is regarded as an infringement of States' Rights (and is thus vigorously opposed), the granting of federal defence contracts benefits the economic situation of the state, and the federal control accompanying such a form of intervention is overlooked. Moreover, strong government control is advocated by the Extreme Right in matters pertaining to the "police function" of the state—the protection of property, the preservation of order and the maintenance of security, both internal and external. Thus, as indicated earlier, the Extreme Right supports the F.B.I. and congressional investigating committees. Tolerance of collectivism is also extended to corporate "big business," which group the Extreme Right courts as a source of economic support. It may be said that the Extreme Right opposes collectivism by proposing individualism, except in those areas where collectivism can be rationalized as furthering extremist interests.
The foregoing discussion of the nature of the Extreme Right may now be summarized, preparatory to establishing the definition of this phenomenon for the purposes of the present study. Throughout this discussion, the concepts of "collectivism" and "individualism" have been used extensively. Unfortunately, no one word can completely express the complexities of a phenomenon such as the Extreme Right. However, it is hoped that the particular contextual meaning of these terms, as they are applied to this study of the Extreme Right, has been made clear in the preceding pages. By "collectivism" we mean primarily the "quasi-paternalistic" welfare functions of twentieth century American socialism, and, on the international scene, Communism. Thus, Right-Wing opposition is directed primarily against government, whose function it is to administer aid and welfare programs. This opposition to government is not universal, however, since the Extreme Right tolerates and even supports certain functions of the state (such as the "police function" and the maintenance of the "market-place economy"). Corporate business, which, in the classical "laissez-faire" sense, may be regarded as detrimental to the individualism of entrepreneurial business, is also spared extensive Right-Wing attack, primarily because it is a potential source of economic support for Extreme Right groups. It has been proposed that the Extreme Right opposes this form of collectivism by advocating "individualism." This latter term, as it is used in this investigation, also has a certain restricted meaning. This principle of individualism has its basis in the classical "atomistic" view of society--the view that social institutions are subordi-
nate to the individual. Thus, the Extreme Right tolerates those functions of the state that protect the interests and conditions of the individual. The individualism advocated by the Extreme Right is limited, however, since the right to act in one’s own best interests would not be extended to all individuals. Those who would subvert what the Right-Wing Extremist regards as "the greatest good," (e.g., liberals and leftists), as well as the non-productive and shiftless members of society (e.g., most minority group members), would not be afforded the privileges of individualism.

Based on the foregoing discussion, it is proposed that the Extreme Right be defined as follows:

The Extreme Right is a militant and millenarian political ideology, espoused by numerous Right-Wing groups and individuals, which maintains as an ideal the principle of "limited individualism"; this principle being articulated as opposition to "collectivism" in government, international relations, modern social principles, and modern social structure and operation.

By focusing on the ideological aspects of the Extreme Right, rather than on individual groups of this persuasion, it should be possible to delineate more sharply the attitudinal indicators of this phenomenon.

If, as it has been hypothesized in this chapter, the Extreme Right is an ideology related to the elements of "government," "international relations," modern social principles" and "modern social structure and operation," then attitudinal indicators used to measure this phenomenon should cluster into groups definable by these four dimensions. To this end, a cluster analysis of available attitudinal indicators of the Extreme Right, as well as an extremism score developed from these indicators, will be presented in the next chapter.
CHAPTER IV

EMPIRICAL ANALYSIS OF EXTREME RIGHT ATTITUDES

The Cluster Analysis Technique

The technique of cluster analysis is one of several forms of correlation analysis developed primarily during the 1930's, all of which were based on the concept of "factor analysis" developed by Spearman in 1904.1 At this time, Spearman proposed a "two-factor" theory, which held that all human abilities are basically dependent upon a factor of general mental ability (the \( \theta \) factor) and a number of specific ability factors operant in task-oriented situations (the \( g \) factor). In later decades, the two-factor theory gave way to "multiple-factor" theories, such as those of Hotelling2 and Thurstone.3

Basically, factor analysis is a method of analyzing the intercorrelations between a number of related observations (or

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2Harold Hotelling, "Analysis of a Complex of Statistical Variables into Principal Components," *Journal of Educational Psychology*, 24 (September and October, 1933), pp. 417-441 and 498-520.

variables) in order to assess whether, and to what extent, these observations are determined by a smaller number of basic "factors."
The assumptions underlying factor analysis have been stated by Thurstone as follows:

Factor analysis assumes that a variety of phenomena within a domain are related and that they are determined, at least in part, by a relatively small number of functional unities or factors.¹

Two considerations regarding this statement should be noted. First, the assumption that certain phenomena (or variables) are related does not imply or require they are in fact related. The identification of any subsystems of variables which possibly cluster together is, in any case, one of the primary purposes of factor analysis. Second, if there are any underlying factors determining these phenomena, then it may be expected that variables with high "saturations" or "loadings" on any one factor (i.e., variables which are highly associated with that factor) will be highly intercorrelated. This facilitates a second purpose of factor analysis—namely the selection, by means of analyzing the relationships between clustered variables, of a parsimonious measure of the dimension represented by these variables.

A major advantage which recent multiple factor analysis methods have over simpler techniques is that they permit the assignment of different portions of the variation of individual variables to different factors, thus making possible a precise definition of the structure of each factor. By comparison, cluster analysis is a much

¹Ibid., p. 56.
simpler method of correlation analysis which seeks to sort variables into mutually exclusive systems or "clusters." Although one of the purposes of factor analysis is also the delineation of systems of variables, in cluster analysis membership in each cluster is confined to only those variables which are strongly related to that system. In factor analysis, as already indicated, different portions of the variation of each variable may be assigned to different factors, so that underlying factors may "cut across" a number of clusters. In this sense, it may be said that cluster analysis is a preliminary step to factor analysis. That is, cluster analysis is useful for isolating mutually exclusive clusters of variables, whereas factor analysis techniques go on to analyze both the inter- and the intra-cluster relationships between variables in order to discover underlying factors.

Cluster analysis, as such, does not make possible the isolation of factors accounting for the variation of elements in different systems (i.e., factors which "cut across" different systems). Nevertheless, it is possible for the researcher, through a process of logical inference, to interpret the underlying element common to each system of variables isolated by the cluster analysis. In passing, it should be noted that there is one case where both cluster analysis and factor analysis will yield the same results. That is, when the variables under analysis are "factor pure" (when each variable is related to only one factor), each cluster of variables, and the factors determining them, will be mutually exclusive. It may be appreciated,
however, that the probability of this occurrence in social science investigation is very remote.

The cluster analysis method to be used in the present study is that of "correlation profile analysis," developed by Tryon.¹ This method has been chosen because it does not involve the complicated mathematical computations required for Hotelling's or Thurstone's methods, and because it is particularly suited to a large number of variables. In the following description of his method, Tryon refers to the dimensions underlying clusters as "operational unities."

These are defined as those components which result in two or more variables showing the same pattern of correlation coefficients with all the other variables in an investigation. Two variables, A and B, are said to be wholly or partially determined by an operational unity if both correlate high with variable M, low with N, intermediate with O, and so on throughout the other variables. In such a case, clearly what is general in A and B is behaving in an identical and unitary fashion. Correlation profile analysis is a simple method for discovering and grouping together variables which have identical patterns or profiles of correlations.²

This method therefore involves the plotting of the intercorrelations between related variables as pictorial "profiles." On the basis of these profiles, the "operational unities" underlying certain clusters (comprised of variables with congruent profiles) can be inferred.

¹Robert Choate Tryon, Cluster Analysis: Correlation Profile and Orthometric (Factor) Analysis for the Isolation of Unities in Mind and Personality, Ann Arbor, Michigan: Edwards Brothers, Inc., 1939.

²Ibid., p. 2.
The Cluster Analysis: Hypotheses and Findings

In Chapter III, it was proposed that the Extreme Right be defined in terms of four clusters of attitudes related to underlying operational units of government, international relations, modern social principles, and modern social structure and operation. The purpose of the present chapter is to assess whether these clusters of attitudes are empirically valid. This empirical analysis will take the form of a secondary analysis of data gathered in the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area in the summer of 1959. This data was gathered primarily to study local political attitudes and behavior and does not contain any attitudinal items regarding "international relations." Therefore, this hypothesized element of Extreme Right attitudes cannot be tested in the present analysis.

The following two hypotheses will be tested in this section:

1. All indicators of Right-Wing Extremist attitudes under study will be positively intercorrelated. That is, it is assumed that Right-Wing Extremists will be consistent in their responses to these items.

2. The correlation profiles of those attitudes hypothesized to be determined by the factors of "government," "modern social principles" and "modern social structure and operation" respectively will be more consistent with one another than with those of the remaining attitudes.

1"Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area Study," Institute for Community Studies, University of Oregon, 1959. The sample on which this study was based is discussed in Appendix A, pp. 153-156.
In the following presentation, the clustering of thirty attitudinal items from the Eugene-Springfield study will be analyzed. Such documentation and proof as are required to illuminate this presentation will be given in the text. For more extensive documentation and proof, the reader is referred to Appendix B, "Cluster Analysis Data," pages 157-172. The identifying numbers for these attitudinal items refer to IBM card columns, and indicate the order in which the questions were asked on the interview schedule. All of the following items were coded on a Likert-type scale of responses. Items 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 were coded as follows: "Strongly Approve," "Approve," "Undecided," "Disapprove" and "Strongly Disapprove." In addition, these items contained three residual response categories of "Don't Care," "Don't Know" and "No Answer." The remaining items were coded as follows: "Agree Strongly," "Agree Somewhat," "Agree Slightly," "Disagree Slightly," "Disagree Somewhat" and "Disagree Strongly," as well as residual categories of "Don't Know" and "No Answer."

In order to compute the inter-item correlation matrix for the cluster analysis, responses to these items were dichotomized by placing the "Strongly Agree (Approve)" or the "Strongly Disagree (Disapprove)" response (whichever was applicable to the sense of the question) in the "Extremist" category, and the remaining responses (with the exception of "No Answer") in the "Non-Extremist" category. Thus, only those respondents with a "strong" attitude toward the item in question were regarded as having given an extremist response. It should be noted that responding "strongly" to any one item does not classify the
respondent as being an Extreme Rightist. This is merely considered
as being the response an extremist would make to the item in question.
The parenthetical coded form of each item (which form will be used in
subsequent reference to these items) indicates the direction of
extremist response.

On inspection, the thirty attitudinal items under analysis
appear to be manifestly related to the three hypothesized clusters of
Extreme Right attitudes as indicated below. Within each of the hypothe­
sized clusters, attitudinal items are organized according to sub­
headings. These sub-headings refer to the basic Extreme Right
attitudes discussed in Chapter III.¹

I. ATTITUDES REGARDING GOVERNMENT

Opposition to increased government spending, higher taxes:

20. What do you feel about increasing taxes to provide improved
city services? (Disapprove taxes city services.)

25. What do you feel about spending more money on special
education? (Disapprove money special education.)

27. What do you feel about increasing taxes to provide public
kindergartens? (Disapprove taxes public kindergartens.)

Opposition to metropolitan government:

21. What do you feel about annexation to the city of suburban
areas? (Disapprove annexation suburban areas.)

51. It would be a good thing for the residents of both cities if
Eugene and Springfield merged and became one city. (Disagree
Eugene and Springfield merge.)

¹Cf. supra, pp. 54-55.
Opposition to urban renewal:

18. What do you feel about urban renewal? (Disapprove urban renewal.)

36. The urban renewal program is one of the worst "tax and spend" enterprises yet devised by government planners. (Agree urban renewal worst "tax and spend.")

37. The urban renewal program represents interference and regimentation by government. (Agree urban renewal government interference.)

38. In urban renewal programs, the federal government helps the local community. (Disagree urban renewal helps community.)

39. Urban renewal is a much needed program for community betterment and development. (Disagree urban renewal needed program.)

40. The urban renewal program will make the community a better place in which to live. (Disagree urban renewal improve community.)

II. ATTITUDES REGARDING MODERN SOCIAL PRINCIPLES

Opposition to modern education:

29. The public schools are not teaching the fundamentals as well today as they used to. (Agree schools not teaching fundamentals.)


31. There is too much emphasis on cooperation in our public schools and not enough emphasis on competition. (Agree too much emphasis cooperation in school.)

32. Public schools change too many children away from their parents' ideas. (Agree schools change children's ideas.)

Opposition to racial integration:

45. The government in Washington should stay out of the question of whether white and colored children go to the same school. (Agree federal government out of school desegregation.)
47. If Negroes are not getting fair treatment in jobs and housing, the government in Washington should see to it that they do. (Disagree federal government role Negro fair treatment.)

Political cynicism:

48. Politicians spend most of their time getting re-elected or re-appointed. (Agree politicians spend time re-election.)

49. People are very frequently manipulated by politicians. (Agree politicians manipulate people.)

50. Most politicians in the community are probably more interested in getting known than in serving the needs of their constituents. (Agree politicians' interest get known.)

III. ATTITUDES REGARDING MODERN SOCIAL STRUCTURE AND OPERATION

Opposition to socialized medicine and/or health insurance:

44. The government ought to help people get doctors and hospital care at low cost. (Disagree government doctors and hospital.)

Opposition to collective bargaining:

22. What do you feel about labor unions in Eugene? (Disapprove labor unions.)

Support of "free enterprise":

23. What do you feel about public housing? (Disapprove public housing.)

26. What do you feel about city-owned parking lots? (Disapprove city-owned parking lots.)

1I.e., cynicism about politicians' self-interest.

2Since the indicator available here would not tend to discriminate between related attitudes surrounding "socialized medicine" and federal "health insurance," this attitudinal component was expanded from the original one of "opposition to socialized medicine."

3Since a primary aspect of organized labor is the principle of collective bargaining, it was felt that an item regarding labor unions is a valid indicator of the attitude towards collective bargaining.
33. A municipal power system is a form of socialism. (Agree municipal power socialism.)

34. The federal power program in the Pacific Northwest is one of the best possible solutions to the region's economic problems. (Disagree federal power economic solution.)

46. The government should leave things like electric power and housing for private businessmen to handle. (Agree power and housing private business.)

Opposition to "full employment":

43. The government in Washington ought to see to it that everybody who wants to work can find a job. (Disagree federal government find jobs.)

Opposition to federal aid to health and education:

41. If cities and towns around the country need help to build more schools, the government in Washington ought to give them the money they need. (Disagree federal government finance schools.)

Opposition to modern "progressive" innovations:

24. What do you feel about fluoridation of the community's water supply? (Disapprove fluoridation.)

The limitations of secondary analysis become apparent in the above assignment of attitudinal indicators to clusters. What has been attempted in this procedure is to assign each item to the attitudinal component to which it most closely corresponds. Thus, urban renewal items were assigned to "government," since this program is most closely associated with the federal government. Items 20 (Disapprove taxes city services), 25 (Disapprove money special education) and 27 (Disapprove taxes public kindergartens), although they are concerned with different aspects of local politics, all involve the element of increasing local government expenditures and consequently of increasing taxes. Therefore,
they have been assigned to the cluster on "government," under the specific component of "opposition to increased government spending, higher taxes." Item 47 (Disagree federal government role Negro fair treatment), while not directly related to racial integration, does deal with racial discrimination, and is thus included under the former heading.

The first step in the cluster analysis was to lay out a correlation matrix of the intercorrelations between the thirty variables under study. On the basis of this matrix, the first of the hypotheses related to this cluster analysis (i.e., that all indicators of Right-Wing Extremist attitudes will be positively intercorrelated) seems to be borne out. Out of the 435 intercorrelations comprising the matrix of thirty variables, only 29 were found to be negative. Furthermore, reference to the sums of intercorrelations for each variable with all other variables (Σr in Table 18, page 159 of Appendix B) indicated that most of the variables are highly and positively intercorrelated. The main exceptions to this were items 21 (Disapprove annexation suburban areas), 44 (Disagree government doctors and hospital), 47 (Disagree federal government role Negro fair treatment) and 51 (Disagree Eugene and Springfield merge). Because of its extremely low correlation with all other variables, item 51 was eliminated from the analysis.

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1Cf. Tryon, op. cit., p. 41. Further reference to this source will be given in the text as "Tryon" and cited in parentheses with relevant page numbers. The correlation matrix data for the present study is given in Appendix B, "Cluster Analysis Data," Table 18, page 159.
at this stage. Items 21, 44 and 47 were retained since, in spite of fairly low overall intercorrelation sums, they were all quite highly correlated with certain groups of variables. A possible exception was item 47, which may have to be eliminated later in the analysis.

Preparatory to testing the second hypothesis (regarding the consistency of the profiles of variables posited to be related to the factors of "government," modern social principles" and "modern social structure and operation"), the variables under study were assigned to tentative clusters. The "B" coefficient ("coefficient of belonging") method developed by Holzinger was used for this purpose.¹ This procedure provides an objective way of clustering correlation coefficients and hence the configurations of variables which they represent. It is based on the assumption that the variables related to a given factor should have higher intercorrelations between themselves than with other variables under analysis, and involves the systematic introduction of variables assumed related to a given cluster. A more detailed description of this technique is given in Appendix B, "Cluster Analysis Data," pp. 158-166.

On the basis of the "B" coefficient analysis, five tentative clusters of variables were discerned. The relationship of certain variables (indicated by "?" in the following presentation) to these clusters was questionable. These variables will be included in the tentative clusters but subjected to further correlation profile analysis.

TENTATIVE CLUSTER A:

36. (Agree urban renewal worst "tax and spend.")
37. (Agree urban renewal government interference.)
38. (Disagree urban renewal helps community.)
39. (Disagree urban renewal needed program.)
40. (Disagree urban renewal improves community.)
18. (Disapprove urban renewal.)
23. (Disapprove public housing.)

TENTATIVE CLUSTER B:

48. (Agree politicians spend time re-election.)
49. (Agree politicians manipulate people.)
50. (Agree politicians' interest get known.)
46? (Agree power and housing private business.)
45? (Agree federal government out of school desegregation.)

TENTATIVE CLUSTER C:

25. (Disapprove money special education.)
27. (Disapprove taxes public kindergartens.)
20. (Disapprove taxes city services.)
26. (Disapprove city-owned parking lots.)
21. (Disapprove annexation suburban areas.)
24. (Disapprove fluoridation.)

TENTATIVE CLUSTER D:
43. (Disagree federal government find jobs.)
44. (Disagree government doctors and hospital.)
41. (Disagree federal government finance schools.)
34? (Disagree federal power economic solution.)
33? (Agree municipal power socialism.)
22? (Disapprove labor unions.)

TENTATIVE CLUSTER E:
30. (Agree children pampered in school.)
31. (Agree too much emphasis cooperation in school.)
32. (Agree schools change children's ideas.)
29. (Agree schools not teaching fundamentals.)
45? (Agree federal government out of school desegregation.)
49? (Agree politicians manipulate people.)

One variable--item 47 (Disagree federal government role Negro fair treatment)--did not appear to be related to any of the clusters determined by the "B" coefficient method, and was excluded from further analysis.

The next step in the analysis was to calculate the mean correlation of each variable with each of the tentative clusters.
These mean correlations are presented in Appendix B, Table 21, page 168. These mean correlations were then plotted as mean correlation profiles (cf. Appendix B, Figure 3, page 169), by means of which additional relationships between the variables in the five tentative clusters were noted. The profiles for items 23 (Disapprove public housing) and 46 (Agree power and housing private business) showed considerable discrepancy from those of the other variables in their tentative clusters, and were therefore eliminated from the analysis at this stage. These two variables, along with the previously-excluded item 47 (Disagree federal government role Negro fair treatment), will constitute "residual variables" in the cluster analysis. On the basis of the mean correlation profiles, questionable items 22 (Disapprove labor unions), 33 (Agree municipal power socialism) and 34 (Disagree federal power economic solution) were retained in Tentative Cluster D. Finally, the profiles indicated that questionable items 45 (Agree federal government out of school desegregation) and 49 (Agree politicians manipulate people) appeared to be related to both Tentative Clusters B and E. The mean correlation profiles for these clusters, when combined (cf. Appendix B, Figure 4, page 170), verified this. For the balance of this analysis, therefore, Tentative Clusters B and E will be considered as one cluster.

The last step in the cluster analysis will be to plot the final correlation profiles of individual variables according to the clusters established in the previous operation. To facilitate this, the correlation coefficients for items arranged by clusters were laid
out as in Table 22 of Appendix B (page 171). The final correlation profiles, in which the clusters are named according to their congruence with the initially hypothesized clusters (plus the observed cluster on "urban renewal") are presented in Figure 1, page 82 below. (cf. Tryon, page 5).

For the most part, the second hypothesis being tested in this cluster analysis (i.e., that the correlation profiles of those attitudes hypothesized to be determined by the factors of "government," "modern social principles" and "modern social structure and operation" respectively will be more consistent with one another than with those of the remaining attitudes) seems to be verified. The major exception to this is the appearance of a fourth cluster of attitudes related to "urban renewal." Otherwise, most of the variables under analysis cluster together as initially posited. Although some variation in the profiles of the variables constituting each cluster are evident, the overall patterns of consistency between the clustered variables seem tangible enough to warrant the conclusion that the four clusters discerned by this analysis constitute four distinct attitudinal components of the Extreme Right. To conclude this section, each of the four clusters discerned by this analysis will be discussed.

CLUSTER I. ATTITUDES REGARDING URBAN RENEWAL

18. (Disapprove urban renewal.)

36. (Agree urban renewal worst "tax and spend.")

37. (Agree urban renewal government interference.)
FIGURE 1. FINAL CORRELATION PROFILES OF VARIABLES BY CLUSTERS

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38. (Disagree urban renewal helps community.)

39. (Disagree urban renewal needed program.)

40. (Disagree urban renewal improves community.)

This cluster is comprised of the items from Tentative Cluster A (excepting item 23—"Disapprove public housing"—which became a "residual variable"), which were initially hypothesized to belong to the cluster of items related to the factor of "government." Although the profiles for these urban renewal items are similar, in many respects, to those in the cluster regarding government, the extremely high intercorrelation between these items warrant their inclusion as a separate cluster. At least two reasons may be adduced to explain this high intercorrelation. First, these items are undoubtedly Guttman scale items, included in the metropolitan area study because they yield a high coefficient of reproducibility. Second, urban renewal is a specific issue which, unlike many of the more general "ideological" issues raised in the other clusters, can evoke a definitive and consistent response. This fact is probably intensified for the Eugene-Springfield area, where a strong public opinion was polarized on a local urban renewal project at the time the metropolitan survey was made.

CLUSTER II. ATTITUDES REGARDING MODERN SOCIAL STRUCTURE AND OPERATION

22. (Disapprove labor unions.)

33. (Agree municipal power socialism.)

34. (Disagree federal power economic solution.)
41. (Disagree federal government finance schools.)
43. (Disagree federal government find jobs.)
44. (Disagree government doctors and hospital.)

The above items (from Tentative Cluster D) were initially hypothesized to be in this cluster. Four hypothesized items, however, failed to cluster in this group. Variables 24 (Disapprove fluoridation) and 26 (Disapprove city-owned parking lots) fell into the cluster on "government," and will be discussed under that heading. Variable 23 (Disapprove public housing) and 46 (Agree power and housing private business) failed to cluster, and were classified as "residual variables." Regarding item 23, it may be that the meaning of "public housing" was not understood by, or was not made clear to, the respondents interviewed. The failure of item 46 to cluster raises two points. First, if "public housing" is not opposed by Right-Wing Extremists in the Eugene-Springfield area (a possible interpretation of the finding regarding item 23), then the extremist who opposed government operation of electric power—as suggested by the clustering of items 33 (Agree municipal power socialism) and 34 (Disagree federal power economic solution)—would have been "cross-pressed" by item 46, which is a "double-barreled" question concerning both electric power and housing. The second point has reference to the unique situation regarding public power in the Eugene area. Although the Right-Wing Extremist may be ideologically opposed to municipal power in general, the Eugene extremist faces the fact that the electric rates charged by the Eugene
Water and Electric Board (a municipal power enterprise) are among the lowest in the nation. Thus, the failure of this item to cluster may reflect a conflict between the Right-Wing Extremist's ideology and his pocketbook.

CLUSTER III. ATTITUDES REGARDING GOVERNMENT

20. (Disapprove taxes city services.)
21. (Disapprove annexation suburban areas.)
24. (Disapprove fluoridation.)
25. (Disapprove money special education.)
26. (Disapprove city-owned parking lots.)
27. (Disapprove taxes public kindergartens.)

This group is comprised of the variables from Tentative Cluster C. Items 20, 21, 25 and 27 were initially hypothesized to be in this cluster. Items 24 and 26 (from "modern social structure and operation") undoubtedly fall into this cluster on government because they concern local political issues. In Chapter II, it was suggested that Extreme Right opposition to local political issues was primarily tactical—-the greatest opportunity for extremist elements to gain access to political power being at the local level. Therefore, it may be expected that the Right-Wing Extremist will attack the kinds of issues represented by items 24 and 26 on what is basically a political level.

CLUSTER IV. ATTITUDES REGARDING MODERN SOCIAL PRINCIPLES

29. (Agree schools not teaching fundamentals.)
30. (Agree children pampered in school.)
31. (Agree too much emphasis cooperation in school.)
32. (Agree schools change children's ideas.)
45. (Agree federal government out of school desegregation.)
48. (Agree politicians spend time re-election.)
49. (Agree politicians manipulate people.)
50. (Agree politicians' interest to get known.)

All of the above items were originally hypothesized to be in this cluster, which consists of Tentative Clusters B and E (with the exception of item 46 from Cluster B--"Agree power and housing private business"--which was classified as a "residual variable"). Item 47 (Disagree federal government role Negro fair treatment) was hypothesized as belonging to this cluster, but was eliminated during the analysis as a "residual variable." The failure of this item to cluster is probably due to the fact that racial tensions are less evident in the Pacific Northwest than in other areas of the nation. Thus, racism is not a central concern of Right-Wing Extremists in this area.

In summary, the limitations of secondary analysis notwithstanding, the empirical investigation of attitudes undertaken through this cluster analysis would appear to provide some validation for defining the Extreme Right in terms of an ideology opposing "collectivistic" tendencies in distinct areas of the social system. The existence of separate extremist attitudinal "sets" related to "govern-
ment," "modern social principles" and "modern social structure and operation" has, to a large extent, been verified by this analysis.

The Right-Wing Extremism Score

In developing a scale from the twenty-six attitudinal items discussed in the previous section, a simple scoring procedure was used. Likert¹ and Edwards² have observed that the simple assignment of integral weights to response categories correlates highly with more complicated scoring procedures. For this study, therefore, "Extremist" responses were assigned a score value of 1, and "Non-Extremist" responses a score value of 0. A total score for each respondent in the sample was obtained by computing the sum of his scores for the twenty-six individual items.

Before presenting the Right-Wing Extremism scores obtained by this method, the problem of non-response to the relevant attitudinal items should be discussed. In testing the relationship between Right-Wing Extremism and status crystallization, an attempt will be made to control on all three relevant status variables (income, occupation, education) simultaneously. This will require eight comparisons of the proportion of Right-Wing Extremists for both crystallized and uncrystattized status categories. In order to fill the sixteen cells of the

table required for this test, it will be necessary to retain as many cases as possible in the sample under study. To this end, "Don't Know" and "No Answer" categories have been retained as non-extremist responses, and only the "Strongly Agree" (or "Strongly Disagree") categories have been used as extremist responses. One plausible interpretation of non-response to these attitudinal questions is that it in fact represents a "true" extremist attitude. That is, refusal to answer may reflect a reluctance on the part of the respondent to express what may be considered by others a "socially unacceptable" (i.e., extremist) response.¹ In the present research, however, the decision has been made to "lose" any potential extremists represented by non-response, for several reasons. In the first place, most of the non-response by individuals consists of one or two randomly distributed "No Answer" responses. Therefore, non-response could affect only a few of the scores immediately bordering the "Non-Extremist" side of the cutting point between extremist and non-extremist scores (i.e., if a respondent has already obtained an extremist score without the aid of "No Answer" responses, his position will not be affected by such non-response). Second, if the null hypothesis to be tested (that there is no difference between crystallized and uncrystallized status groups with respect to Right-Wing Extremism) is true, then "non-response" (assumed to indicate an extremist response) may be considered to be

randomly distributed in both crystallization groups, as is the overt "Extremist" response. Therefore, non-response will not affect the percentages to be compared. Finally, if the null hypothesis is false, and the group characterized by uncrystallized status does contain a higher proportion of Right-Wing Extremists than the crystallized group (this hypothesis will be fully developed in Chapter V), classifying non-response as non-extremist will not bias the results in favor of this hypothesis, since more "potential" extremists will be lost in the uncrystallized than in the crystallized group. In fact, such a procedure will actually have the effect of "loading" the outcome in favor of the null hypothesis. In sum, while the amount of bias introduced by retaining non-response in the sample may be considered as negligible, this method of retaining it, while serving to preserve sample size, will not operate to bias the results of the investigation in favor of the hypothesis to be tested.

The Right-Wing Extremism Scale, constructed by summing individual scores on twenty-six attitudinal items, is presented in Table 8 below. For the sample of 673 cases for which complete data on occupation, income and education was available (i.e., data for the status crystallization variables discussed in Chapter II), a range of scores from 0 to 22 was obtained. The higher the scale score, the more consistently "Extremist" were the individual's responses.

The final problem to be addressed in this chapter is that of arriving at a cutting point on this scale which will distinguish extremists from non-extremists. Although no definitive estimation
TABLE 8. FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF SCORES ON THE RIGHT-WING EXTREMISM SCALE

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of the proportion of Extreme Right supporters (i.e., persons who hold attitudes consistent with the Extreme Right ideology, not only members of Extreme Right groups) is available, a certain amount of evidence exists that suggests a cutting point that will divide extremists from non-extremists in the proportion of about one to four.\(^1\) An examination

of Table 8 indicates that something approximating a "natural break" exists between scale scores 4 and 5, the frequency for score 5 (36 cases) being a drop of nearly forty-five per cent over the frequency for score 4 (63 cases). For the purposes of this study, therefore, "Right-Wing Extremist" will be that group receiving scores of 5 or higher on the "Right-Wing Extremism" scale. This group represents twenty-one per cent of the sample under study, a proportion which is consistent with the findings of other investigations.

Thus far in the present study, the independent and dependent variables, respectively, of status crystallization and Right-Wing Extremism have been defined and operationalized. It now remains to develop and test a hypothesized causal relationship between these variables. The development of such a hypothesis will be the subject of the next chapter.

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CHAPTER V

STATUS CRYSTALLIZATION AND RIGHT-WING EXTREMISM:
DEVELOPMENT OF THE HYPOTHESIS

Problems Engendered by Low Status Crystallization

In a number of studies using the status crystallization model, it has been pointed out that individuals with inconsistent status sets face certain social and psychological difficulties. Jackson discerns the following: unsatisfactory social relationships, unstable self-images, rewards out-of-line with investments, and social ambiguity.¹ This section will be concerned with a review of the findings related to these phenomena.

Lenski, in his 1956 study, tested the following hypothesis:

... persons with a low degree of status crystallization are more likely to be subjected to disturbing experiences in the interaction process and have greater difficulty in establishing rewarding patterns of social interaction than others.²

This hypothesis, which was borne out in Lenski's study, was tested through observation of behavior and attitudes in the areas of associ-


ational or interactional activities, particularly those related to participation in voluntary associations. He found respondents with low crystallization to be generally non-participants in voluntary relationships, to have given up long standing voluntary ties, and to have established and maintained ties for non-sociable (i.e., ulterior) rather than for sociable reasons. Zaleznik, Christensen and Roethlisberger, in developing their "Theory of Social Certitude," also emphasized this aspect of social relationships. In discussing the reasons why people seek status congruence (i.e., status crystallization) they state:

To us it is the need on the part of man for clear and unambiguous relationships. This is the meaning and striving for status congruence. When this condition is realized, a condition of social certitude is felt. Under this condition members of a group know where they stand in relation to each other. They know how they should behave and are expected to behave toward others. Little anxiety exists in such relationships except that engendered by the need to live up to what is expected.¹

Peter Blau has found that persons whose statuses are made inconsistent through social mobility face special dilemmas for interpersonal relations.² Finally, Everett Hughes has cogently summarized the relation of the status inconsistent (i.e., one whose statuses are uncrystallized) to his fellows in the following passage:


In order that men may communicate freely and confidently, they must be able to take a good deal of each other's sentiments for granted. They must feel easy about their silences as well as about their utterances. These factors conspire to make colleagues, with a large body of unspoken understandings, uncomfortable in the presence of what they consider odd kinds of fellows. The person who is the first of his kind to attain a certain status is often not drawn into the informal brotherhood in which experiences are exchanged, competence built up, and the formal code elaborated and enforced. He thus remains forever a marginal man.¹

With respect to unstable self-images, Goffman, in discussing the sources of stress experienced by status inconsistencies, points out that uncrystallized status may lead the individual to incorporate diverse and conflicting views of himself, thus making a unified self-image impossible.² Lipset and Bendix point out the same problem:

... status discrepancies may cause difficulties in personal adjustment because high self-evaluations in one sphere of life conflict with low ones in another.³

Fenchel, Monderer and Hartley, in discussing the phenomenon of re-equilibration of out-of-line statuses, observe:

In terms of personality stability, the phenomenon is suggestive of a reference point for the individual which permits him to maintain a constant self-image.⁴


Turning to the problem of rewards and investments, we find that the problem of imbalance between occupational investments and the rewards therefrom forms the basis of the "Theory of Distributive Justice" developed by Zaleznik and his colleagues.¹ In their formulation of this theory, the "investment" statuses that a worker brings to his job are age, seniority, sex, ethnicity and education. The "reward" status that he gets in return for these investments is that of "pay" or income. When a worker's "rewards" are out-of-line with his "investments" (either higher or lower), then a condition of "status incongruence" is said to exist. The authors hypothesize that such a condition will lead to "trouble" or dissatisfaction. The concept of the balance between rewards and costs (investments) as a major factor in social behavior is developed to some length by Homans in other writings.²

Finally, a number of authors have made reference to the problem of social ambiguity as a consequence of uncrystallized status. Hughes suggests that a complex of "auxiliary characteristics" adhere to any given status, and that behavior consistent with these characteristics comes to be expected of the incumbent of that status.³ However, others find it difficult to relate to people who hold inconsistent

¹Zaleznik, et al., op. cit., pp. 50-56.


³Hughes, op. cit.
statuses and hence contradictory status expectations. Persons holding inconsistent statuses based on sex, race, ethnicity and occupation (as, for example, the Negro doctor and the female engineer) are particularly prone to these ambiguities of status expectations. Irwin Goffman, in discussing the social behavior of persons with inconsistent statuses, observes that:

... Individuals who are inconsistent in status are subjected to inconsistent pressures by those with whom they interact, i.e., others cannot appropriately "define" the inconsistent individual and anticipate his responses. This may lead to stress for the individual by subjecting him to inconsistent demands.1

Zaleznik, et al., point out that a condition of status incongruence is a condition of ambiguity which produces anxiety, not only for the inconsistent individual but also for the group with which he interacts.2

It would appear, then, that a major problem created by occupying out-of-line statuses is that of ambiguous, unclear and inconsistent "normative expectations" for both the incumbent of these statuses and those with whom he must interact. These expectations, and the extent to which they are or are not fulfilled, determine not only the nature of the individual's social relationships and the "reward" increment he gets from engaging in social behavior, but also his own self-image. Regardless of his relative position in the stratification system, when an individual's separate statuses are crystallized the problems of ambiguity and its concomitants do not arise. However,

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1Goffman, op. cit., p. 276.
2Zaleznik, et al., op. cit., pp. 63-64.
when an individual's statuses are sufficiently uncrystallized, he will suffer these problems and their behavioral consequences.

The Psychological and Social Consequences of Uncrystallized Status

Much of the research in the area of status crystallization points to a general psychological reaction to uncrystallized status of stress, frustration, uncertainty and insecurity.¹ Jackson discusses the frustration that the inconsistent person experiences because of the contradictory expectations of others and his uncertainty with respect to what he can expect of others and what they can expect of him. He concludes:

Inconsistency, then, produces conflicting expectations which result in frustration and uncertainty for the individual and thus increase his psychological stress.²

As discussed earlier, Goffman points out that the inconsistent demands made of individuals whose statuses are out-of-line may lead to stress.³

¹This is not to say, however, that these effects of uncrystallized status are necessarily adverse for the individual, nor is any judgement being made as to whether any possible overt consequences of these psychological reactions are "better" or "worse" for society than any other conditions. Another consideration which may be raised here is that the majority of the literature on status crystallization deals with motivated behavior as a consequence of subjective psychological states created by status inconsistencies. This position has considerable utility for the development of theoretical predictions. However, the possibility that behavior is a consequence of objective reality situations per se should not be overlooked.


³Goffman, op. cit.
Peter Blau has found that the lesser social integration of those who
are socially mobile manifests itself in a stronger feeling of insecur-
ity.\textsuperscript{1} He observes that this insecurity can evidence itself in various
ways, as, for example, in hostility toward minority groups. Finally,
Zaleznik, \textit{et al.}, observe that the mixed expectations for behavior
related to inconsistent statuses create ambiguities for the individual
which result in anxiety in social relationships.\textsuperscript{2}

What are the possible social consequences which may be caused
by the psychological stress arising from uncrystallized status? Among
those suggested in the literature reviewed for the present investiga-
tion are social isolation, desire for change, motivation to action,
upward mobility, and political extremism, both "left" and "right."
These manifestations of status inconsistency will now be examined
more fully.

Lenski has found that persons with low status crystallization
are more likely to be non-participants in voluntary relationships and
are more likely to have given up long standing voluntary ties than per-
sons with high status crystallization.\textsuperscript{3} However, an additional
observation should be carefully noted. That is, Lenski suggests that
when persons with uncrystallized status are motivated to establish and
maintain voluntary ties, they do so for non-sociable rather than

\textsuperscript{1}Blau, \textit{op. cit.}, p. 295.
\textsuperscript{2}Zaleznik, \textit{et al.}, \textit{op. cit.}, p. 359.
\textsuperscript{3}Lenski, \textit{op. cit.}
sociable reasons. This suggests that such persons are not necessarily non-participants in social life, but rather that they may participate for some ulterior purpose. In Lenski's words:

Thus, persons with poorly crystallized status might be expected to join voluntary associations not because of the opportunities which such groups provide for meeting new people and making new friends, but rather because the group and the social relationships which go with it are the necessary means to the end of personal advancement, the reform of society, or some other nonsociable end.¹

Zaleznik, et al., also report social isolation to be related to low status crystallization:

The data on group membership, apart from the sub-system comparisons, showed that those workers who were high in status congruence tended to be members of groups while those low in status congruence tended to be isolates.²

Turning to the possibility of desire for social change as a reaction to poorly crystallized status, Lenski, in his 1954 study, suggests that the use of the status crystallization model might lead to the discovery of basic relationships between social structure and social change. He hypothesizes:

. . . one might predict that the more frequently acute status inconsistencies occur within a population the greater would be the proportion of that population willing to support programs of social change.³

Following up this hypothesis, Goffman found that preference for change

¹Ibid., p. 461.

²Zaleznik, et al., op. cit., p. 366.

in the distribution of power in society was a solution to status inconsistency at high strata levels.\textsuperscript{1} Stuart Adams' observations regarding the possible effects of status incongruency (low crystallization) are also related to the phenomenon of change. He suggests that changes in congruency are accompanied by changes in individual motivation, in that consciousness of such incongruency may drive the individual to action of some kind.\textsuperscript{2}

One of the most widely-suggested consequences of uncrystallized status is the phenomenon of social mobility. Goffman, in the study cited above, found that upward vertical mobility was a more common solution to status inconsistency at lower strata levels. This finding led him to make the following reformulated hypothesis:

The degree of status consistency is inversely related to the extensiveness of preferences for change in the distribution of power when experienced opportunities for upward mobility are low.\textsuperscript{3}

This observation is supported by that of Jackson, who suggests that males with high educational and low occupation status can avoid a psychosomatic response to status inconsistency through upward social mobility.\textsuperscript{4} Fenchel, \textit{et al.}, found greater status strivings by individuals in those reference groups which represented their least

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textsuperscript{1}Goffman, \textit{op. cit.}
  \item \textsuperscript{3}Goffman, \textit{op. cit.} p. 279.
  \item \textsuperscript{4}Jackson, \textit{op. cit.}
\end{itemize}
crystallized status than in those which represented their higher crystallized statuses. Finally, Homans, in a study of a group of working girls, found that one girl, the members of whose family had higher statuses than those of the other girls' families, eventually applied for a transfer to a division where the chances for advancement were greater. In other words, this girl's response to having an occupational status out-of-line with her other statuses was upward occupational mobility.

Of central concern to this study is the suggestion made by a number of researchers that political extremism may be a common response to uncrystallized status. Goffman's findings regarding a desire for change in power distribution may be regarded as a form of political expression, although he does not specify whether this expression is that of the "left" or of the "right." Lenski, in his 1954 study of the Detroit area, found that persons with low status crystallization were more likely to vote for the Democratic party and to express liberal social attitudes than were persons with high status crystallization. This finding is supported by Jackson's more recent study, which found that persons with high achieved status or an ascribed status lower than

1Fenchel, et al., op. cit.


3Goffman, op. cit.

4Lenski, op. cit.
achieved status were politically liberal. In commenting on his and
Lenski's findings, Jackson provides the following caution:

These data serve as a reminder that a single social stimulus
can produce more than one behavioral response. A wide range
of alternative responses are available to status inconsistents.
There is no reason to think that the source or the degree
corces the individual into a single pattern of reaction.¹

An observation in a similar vein is made by Lenski in a footnote to
his 1956 study. In discussing the tendency toward a liberal political
bias found in persons with uncrystallized status, he notes:

In connection with this finding, Gordon has commented
that this may be but part of a still more general tendency
for persons with poorly crystallized status to adopt extreme
political positions, whether on the extreme left or the
extreme right. In the present data, there was no clear
evidence of such a tendency, but no fully satisfactory test
was possible because of the very small number of persons
adopting an extremely conservative position on the three
controversial issues.²

The possibility of an extreme right political response to uncrystal­
lized status has not yet been investigated. It is to this problem
that we shall next turn.

Status Crystallization and Right-Wing Extremism

As we have seen, low status crystallization is related to
psychosomatic symptoms of stress, social isolation, desire for change,
upward social mobility, motivation to action, and political liberalism.

¹Jackson, "Status Consistency, Vertical Mobility and Symptoms
of Stress," op. cit., p. 120.

²Lenski, "Social Participation and Status Crystallization,"
In connection with the latter phenomenon, it has been suggested that low status crystallization may also be related to political extremism on the right. In addition to the foregoing discussion of research findings directly related to the crystallization hypothesis, a number of other observations have been made linking Right-Wing Extremism to status discrepancies. Lipset and Bendix have observed that class discrepancies seem to predispose groups or individuals to accept extremist views.\textsuperscript{1} Elsewhere, Lipset has noted that five national right-wing movements (McCarthyism, Poujadism, Italian Fascism, and German and Austrian Nazism) appealed mainly to the self-employed urban and rural middle classes (small businessmen and farmers).\textsuperscript{2} Lipset observes that individuals in these classes, whose status and influence within the larger community is declining, tend to feel cut off from the main trends of modern society. This observation is entirely consistent with those regarding the social consequences of uncrystallized status noted earlier in this chapter. Furthermore, the use of the concept of "status politics" in relation to Right-Wing Extremism was noted in Chapter III. "Status politics" refers essentially to the projection of people's status anxieties and frustrations into the political sphere. Considering that status anxieties and frustrations seem to be consequences of poorly crystallized status,\textsuperscript{1,2}

\textsuperscript{1}Lipset and Bendix, "The Consequences of Social Mobility," in \textit{Social Mobility in Industrial Society}, \textit{op. cit.}, pp. 64 ff.

\textsuperscript{2}S. M. Lipset, "Social Stratification and 'Right-Wing Extremism'," \textit{British Journal of Sociology}, 10 (December, 1959), pp. 1-38.
the concept of "status politics" would appear to be related to that of "status crystallization." Additional support for hypothesizing a relationship between uncrrystallized status and Right-Wing Extremism is thus established, since a number of analysts have advanced the concept of "status politics" as a possible cause of extreme right political tendencies.¹

The foregoing evidence strongly suggests that an empirical relationship may exist between status crystallization and Right-Wing Extremism. Before proceeding to test this relationship, certain theoretical assumptions we have made regarding the nature of these two phenomena must be brought together. As Jackson has observed, a number of possible modes of response to low status crystallization exist.² The objective of this present study is to test the proposition that Right-Wing Extremism is one such alternative response. Earlier in this chapter, it was established that status inconsistencies result in frustration and uncertainty for the individual. Numerous studies of collective behavior and the processes in the development of social norms have established the fact that a basic reaction to such uncer-


²Jackson, "Status Consistency and Symptoms of Stress," op. cit., p. 479.
We have seen that upward mobility, expression of a desire for change, activism, and political liberalism are some of the social expressions resulting from such attempts to restructure the situation. We have also seen that outward symptoms of psychological stress are evidenced by those who are blocked from such expressions. In Chapter III, the nature of the ideology of the Extreme Right as a positive, militant and millenarian solution to political frustration was discussed. There, it was pointed out that the nature of the American political system precluded an "institutionalized" expression of divergent, extremist politics, and that the Extreme Right provided an activistic political philosophy of "individualism" in a society characterized by "collectivism." Finally, it has been suggested that those individuals who suffer status inconsistencies, although socially "detached," may be "activistic," particularly where political issues are concerned.

In light of this summary, it is the basic assumption of this study that the Extreme Right exists as a form of political expression offering simplistic, highly structured solutions to the frustrations arising from lack of status crystallization. Persons suffering from


2The concept of "simplistic," as it is used in this context, refers to the Extreme Right tendency to reduce complex factors and issues to a single element (e.g., the Right-Wing Extremist places the failure of the United States to "win" the "Cold War" to an internal
status inconsistencies will be more likely to maintain this political ideology than those whose statuses are crystallized. Therefore, in terms of the variables developed earlier in this study, the basic hypothesis to be tested in the next chapter is as follows:

Individuals characterized by low status crystallization are more likely to be Right-Wing Extremists in their political attitudes than individuals characterized by high status crystallization.

In Chapter VI, conditions related to controls for the effects of status will be specified, and the hypothesis will be rephrased as a "null hypothesis" for testing.

"conspiracy"). This tendency has also been suggested by a number of the contributors to Daniel Bell (ed.), The Radical Right (The New American Right expanded and updated), Garden City, New York: Doubleday and Company, Inc., 1963. For example, Talcott Parsons refers to Right-Wing "individualism" as the "idealization of pristine simplicity as against organizational and other complexity" ("Social Strains in America: A Postscript," p. 195) and Alan F. Westin discusses the "fundamental-istic" characteristics of the Extreme Right, such as the belief that there are always solutions for social problems, and the advocacy of "direct action" ("The John Birch Society: 'Radical Right' and 'Extreme Left' in the Political Context of Post World War II," p. 203).
CHAPTER VI

STATUS CRYSTALLIZATION AND RIGHT-WING EXTREMISM:
ANALYSIS OF DATA AND FINDINGS

The Sample

As indicated in Chapter IV, the original sample on which this secondary analysis is based was one taken in the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area in the Summer of 1959 by the Institute for Community Studies, University of Oregon. The original study was designed to investigate local political attitudes, opinions and behavior. Sampling was done in five geographically distinguishable residential areas: Eugene, Springfield, the River Road and Ferry Street Bridge areas, and East Springfield. Each of these areas was sampled by means of probability sampling techniques.\textsuperscript{1} However, a proportional sample was obtained only in the Eugene area. Residential strata in this area were determined by the use of census enumeration districts as the sampling frame. A systematic sample of households was made in the remaining areas, using utility company records to define the sampling unit. Different sampling intervals were employed in each of these areas.

The initial sample obtained in the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area contained 1231 respondents, distributed among the

\textsuperscript{1}For a full discussion of these techniques, see Appendix A, pp. 153-156.
residential areas sampled as indicated in Table 9. The lack of proportional distribution of respondents by residential area may be observed by comparing the sample sizes for Eugene and Springfield to the total populations in these cities, which, in 1960, were 95,686 and 19,616 respectively.¹

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>Sample Size</th>
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<tr>
<td>Eugene city</td>
<td>526</td>
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<tr>
<td>Springfield city</td>
<td>448</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Glenwood (a Springfield suburb)</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>River Road</td>
<td>73</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Springfield</td>
<td>80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Willakenzie (Ferry Street Bridge)</td>
<td>92</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total:</strong></td>
<td><strong>1231</strong></td>
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Considerable attrition of this initially large sample occurred due to non-response to the mail-back questionnaire administered as part of the survey. Since this mail-back contained a number of questions relative to Right-Wing Extremist attitudes, respondents who failed to return it had to be eliminated from the sample on which this present study is based. This non-response part of the sample contained 490 cases, or forty percent of the initial sample. Unfortunately, nothing can be done about the possible effect this attrition may have on the

"representativeness" of the sample. However, questions relevant to the variables of occupation, income and education were on the basic interview schedule. Therefore, the distribution of non-response with respect to these independent stratification variables is known, and can be accounted for in the test of the hypothesis advanced in this study.

As might be expected, non-respondents were overrepresented by low occupational, income and educational status, as indicated in Tables 10, 11 and 12 below. Before presenting these tables, a note should be made of the cutting points used to discriminate between "high" and "low" status on each of these variables. These cutting points correspond roughly to the medians for the distributions of occupation, income and education given in Tables 4, 5 and 6 of Chapter II (cf. pages 31-33 supra). Thus, occupation is dichotomized into "White Collar" (Clerical and Sales and above) and "Blue Collar" (Craftsmen and below); income is dichotomized into "High" ($6000 and over) and "Low" (less than $6000); education is dichotomized into "High" (beyond High School) and "Low" (High School or less). In addition to usage in the following tables, these cutting points are to be taken for all further reference to these three variables.

The possibility that the disproportionate representation of status variables indicated by these tables might invalidate the findings of the present study should be taken into account. If Right-Wing Extremism is associated with either low income, low education or low occupational status, then the lack of an adequate representation
TABLE 10. OCCUPATIONAL STATUS BY MAIL-BACK RESPONSE AND NON-RESPONSE, AND TOTAL SAMPLE

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<th>Response</th>
<th>Non-Response</th>
<th>Total Sample</th>
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<tr>
<td>White Collar</td>
<td>41%</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>37%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Blue Collar</td>
<td>53</td>
<td>62</td>
<td>56</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Not Classifiable</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<td>100% (741)</td>
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TABLE 11. INCOME STATUS BY MAIL-BACK RESPONSE AND NON-RESPONSE, AND TOTAL SAMPLE

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<th>Response</th>
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<th>Total Sample</th>
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<tr>
<td>High Income</td>
<td>37%</td>
<td>26%</td>
<td>33%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Low Income</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>66</td>
<td>62</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>No Answer</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>100% (741)</td>
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TABLE 12. EDUCATIONAL STATUS BY MAIL-BACK RESPONSE AND NON-RESPONSE, AND TOTAL SAMPLE

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<th>Total Sample</th>
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<tr>
<td>High Education</td>
<td>39%</td>
<td>22%</td>
<td>32%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Low Education</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>77</td>
<td>67</td>
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<tr>
<td>No Answer</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>100% (741)</td>
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of respondents having such status attributes could operate **against** any hypothesis testing the incidence of Right-Wing Extremism in the sample. On the other hand, if extremism were related to high position on these variables, then an overrepresentation of respondents with such status attributes could introduce bias in favor of this hypothesis. Tables 13, 14 and 15 present the relationship between Right-Wing Extremism and each of these status variables for the final sample used in this study.

**TABLE 13. PERCENTAGE OF RIGHT-WING EXTREMISTS BY OCCUPATION**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>White Collar</th>
<th>Blue Collar</th>
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<tr>
<td>% Right-Wing Extremist</td>
<td>23 (297)</td>
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</table>

**TABLE 14. PERCENTAGE OF RIGHT-WING EXTREMISTS BY INCOME**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>High Income</th>
<th>Low Income</th>
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<tr>
<td>% Right-Wing Extremist</td>
<td>20 (266)</td>
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**TABLE 15. PERCENTAGE OF RIGHT-WING EXTREMISTS BY EDUCATION**

<table>
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<th>High Education</th>
<th>Low Education</th>
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<tr>
<td>% Right-Wing Extremist</td>
<td>17 (266)</td>
</tr>
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</table>

An examination of Tables 13 and 14 shows that Right-Wing Extremism is not significantly related to either occupation or income. On the other
hand, the data in Table 15 show that low educational status does seem to be related to Right-Wing Extremism. However, since the sample being used in this study is underrepresented by low education respondents (cf. Table 12), this relationship will tend to introduce bias against the hypothesis being tested. The same holds true for the variable of income, although, as indicated, it does not seem to be significantly related to Right-Wing Extremism (cf. Table 14). This effect does not operate for occupation, however. Since Right-Wing Extremism seems to be slightly more related to high occupation than to low occupation, the overrepresentation of white collar respondents in the sample will tend to introduce bias in favor of the hypothesis being tested. However, it may be considered that this bias will not be severe, since the relationship between white collar occupation and Right-Wing Extremism is negligible (cf. Table 13).

A further safeguard against the possible biasing effects of status will be introduced by "holding constant" the variables of occupation, income and education in the elaboration of the relationship between status crystallization and Right-Wing Extremism. This subject will be discussed in the following two sections.

Status and Crystallization

Since status crystallization, as it has been defined and operationalized for this study, is a function of given status variables (in this case, occupation, income and education) some method of holding status constant must be used when studying the relationship between
crystallization and political attitudes. This is necessary since it would not otherwise be possible to determine if any relationship was due to crystallization differences or to status differences.

Realizing this problem, Lenski attempted to control for status by eliminating a number of respondents with the highest income scores from his high crystallization group, and a number of respondents with the lowest income scores from his low crystallization group. This procedure was based on the observation that high crystallization respondents had higher mean income and occupation scores than did low crystallization respondents. Therefore, Lenski contends that by eliminating income extremes at both ends of the crystallization score distribution, mean status scores are equalized, thus controlling for the effects of status in the relationship between crystallization and political attitudes by "loading" the comparison against his hypothesis. Lenski feels that this procedure controls not only for income, but also for all status variables simultaneously.\(^1\) Thus, as Selvin has pointed out, Lenski used "frequency matching" rather than "precision matching" (or cross tabulation).\(^2\) However, this use of group data (mean status scores) to make inferences about the distribution of individuals (respondents with the highest and lowest income scores) is an example


of an "ecological fallacy." That is, under no circumstance can the knowledge of group distributions (ecological correlations) be used to make inferences about the distribution of characteristics with respect to individuals.

Basically, status crystallization is a measure of the degree of variation between rank positions on given vertical status hierarchies. More specifically, it is a measure of the degree of deviation of vertical status hierarchy scores from a line with a slope of 45 degrees passing through equivalent scores for n status variables. The region in an n-dimensional space traversed by this line (i.e., the region where the line passes through equivalent scores on all statuses) is the region of status crystallization. This is the basis of the formula for scoring status crystallization, presented in Chapter II, which expresses crystallization as a function of deviations from the mean of given status scores—the lesser the deviation, the higher the crystallization; the greater the deviation, the lower the crystallization. Figure 2, although necessarily restricted to two dimensions, will illustrate this meaning of status crystallization. The shaded portion of this figure, the area where deviations are least, represents the area of highest status crystallization. Beyond this area, where deviations are greatest, is the region of low status crystallization.

FIGURE 2. SCHEMATIC REPRESENTATION OF STATUS CRYSTALLIZATION AS A FUNCTION OF DEVIATIONS FROM AN EQUIVALENT STATUS SCORE LINE.

The implication of this conceptualization of status crystallization for the relationship between status and crystallization is simple. Given that an individual's statuses are crystallized, and given his score on one status dimension, one can predict (within reasonable limits) that individual's status scores on the remaining status dimensions. That is, for Figure 2, if a "high crystallization" respondent has a low score on Status I, his score on Status II must also be low. For an individual whose statuses are uncrystallized, however, no such prediction is possible, particularly in a multidimensional space.
In light of these observations, it may be seen that Lenski's method of controlling for status could hold only for the high crystallization group. That is, eliminating those respondents with the highest income scores in the high crystallization group will effectively bend the slope of the equivalent status score line at the top for income as well as for other correlated variables. However, eliminating the lowest income respondents in the low crystallization category will have virtually no effect on the slope of the line since, by definition, to be uncrystallized is to have unequal scores on the status variables being measured. Thus, a respondent with uncrystallized status and a low score on income may have moderate or high scores on the other status variables. In no way can the effect of removing him from the sample under study be predicted.

This analysis of the relationship between status and crystallization is important, since it points out that no determination of the distribution of individual status scores can be made from knowledge of group scores, particularly for the low crystallization category. Thus, status controls made by the manipulation of status scores within crystallization groups, as Lenski has done, are not effective. However, it is imperative that controls for the effects of status be made in testing the relationship between crystallization and political attitudes. Therefore, some method of controlling other than Lenski's must be used.
The Role of Elaboration in Survey Research

In the classical controlled experimental design, cause and effect relationships are established by comparing the responses of an experimental group, which has been exposed to the stimulus being tested, with the responses of an equivalent control group, which has not received the stimulus. The experimenter employs matching and/or randomization techniques to make the two groups initially identical on those factors which may create a "spurious" causal relationship between the independent and dependent variables. In the social sciences, however, opportunities are seldom afforded to control in advance the composition of groups being studied. Thus, there is always a danger that observed relationships may be caused by initial differences in the groups being compared, and are therefore "spurious." The factors making for initial differences between groups being studied may be called "invalidating factors," in that they may invalidate the relationships found between independent and dependent variables.

In the present study, the analytical procedure known as explanation will be used for controlling on possible invalidating factors.¹ In this procedure, an initial cross-tabulation between two

variables is stratified by different values of one or more "test" variables (or possible invalidating factors). Comparisons between the "cause" and "effect" variables being measured are then made in the subgroups obtained. If the initial relationship between these variables is maintained in each of the subgroups, then it may be concluded that this relationship is a "true" causal one (i.e., to the extent that it is not caused by differences in the "test" variables). If, on the other hand, the original relationship is not maintained, then it is said to be a "spurious" one, caused by the effect of the "test" variable on both the "cause" and "effect" variables.

This method of making comparisons between subgroups (obtained by stratifying an initial cross-tabulation by different values of a test variable) approximates the controlled experiment. What is effectively obtained in the subgroups is an "experimental" group having one value of a test variable and a "control" group not having this value. The researcher should, however, be aware of several limitations to this method of controlling. First, since randomization techniques (i.e., methods of selecting the control and experimental groups so that initial differences between them may be considered to be randomly distributed) are not employed, the effect on the cross-tabulations of those variables which have not been controlled cannot be assessed.

Second, in order to control for interaction effects (i.e., the joint

effect of two or more test variables operating together) in the cross-tabulation, it is necessary to control on all test variables simultaneously. For example, certain relationships between A and B may be observed for test values X' and X". However, in order to ascertain whether the different values for A and B for X' and A and B for X" are "true" differences or merely the result of a differential effect of a third variable, Y, on X' and X", the subgroups for X' and X" must be further stratified by Y' and Y". Since the addition of each test variable geometrically increases the number of subgroup comparisons to be made (i.e., controlling on one variable requires two subgroup cells, controlling on two variables requires four cells, controlling on three requires eight cells, etc.), simultaneous controlling on a number of test variables requires an extremely large sample size. Third, "explanation" requires that the test variable be antecedent to both the "cause" and "effect" variables. If the test variable is an intervening variable, then its effects are an essential link in "interpreting" the relationship between the "cause" and "effect" variables. In the present study, we are concerned with the relationship between status crystallization (the "cause" variable) and Right-Wing Extremism (the "effect" variable) at a static point in time, rather than as a sequential development. Since status crystallization has been defined for the purposes of the present study, as a function of status variables (cf. Chapter II), it may be assumed that the status variables which will be controlled for in the relationship between crystalliza-
tion and Right-Wing Extremism are antecedent to the variable of status crystallization.

In summary, the elaboration of a relationship by stratifying on antecedent test variables provides a procedure, based on the logic of the controlled experiment, which permits the social scientist to "control" for the invalidating effects of any given factors. Effectively, this allows the researcher to make causal inferences, at least within the limits of the factors for which he has controlled. Lazarsfeld has expressed this point as follows:

We can suggest a clearcut definition of the causal relationship between two attributes. If we have a relationship between \(x\) and \(y\); and if for any antecedent test factor the partial relationships between \(x\) and \(y\) do not disappear, then the original relationship should be called a causal one.\(^1\)

In the present study, controlling for the effects of status in the relationship between status crystallization and Right-Wing Extremism will be done by attempting to "explain" any relationship found between these variables in terms of the status factors of occupation, income and education. If the hypothesized relationship between crystallization and extremism still remains in the partials after stratifying simultaneously on these status variables, then it will be assumed that this relationship is a "true" causal one (i.e., that it is not attributable to either occupational, income or educational differences).

\(^1\) Lazarsfeld, \textit{op. cit.}, pp. 124-125 (italics in the original).
Testing the Hypothesis

At the end of Chapter V, it was indicated that the basic hypothesis developed regarding the relationship between status crystallization and Right-Wing Extremism would need to be specified in terms of the variables which are to be controlled, and rephrased as a null hypothesis for testing. The latter procedure is related to the test of statistical significance, and will be discussed later in this chapter. The original hypothesis developed in Chapter V asserted that individuals with low status crystallization would be more likely to be Right-Wing Extremist in their political attitudes than individuals with high status crystallization. When Right-Wing Extremists (cf. data from Chapter IV, pages 89-91 supra) are stratified by low and high crystallization (cf. data from Chapter II, pages 34-37 supra), proportions of extremists for each crystallization category obtain as shown in Table 16 below. The original hypothesis that individuals with low status crystallization are more likely to be Right-Wing Extremist than individuals with high status crystallization is borne out in the data of this table, although the percentage difference between the two crystallization groups (4%) is relatively small.

<table>
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<th>Per Cent Right-Wing Extremist</th>
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<tr>
<td>Low crystallization</td>
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<tr>
<td>24 (176)</td>
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<tr>
<td>High crystallization</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20 (497)</td>
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Earlier in this chapter, the necessity of controlling for the possible invalidating effects of the status variables used in measuring crystallization was discussed. From this observation, the basic hypothesis (H₁) to be tested in this study may now be expressed as follows:

Individuals characterized by low status crystallization are more likely to be Right-Wing Extremist in their political attitudes than are individuals characterized by high status crystallization, when the invalidating effects of status differences in occupation, income and education are controlled.

The data for the test of this hypothesis are presented in Table 17. In this table, Right-Wing Extremists for low and high crystallization categories are stratified by occupation, income and education. Thus, column (a) contains data for respondents with white collar occupations, high income and high education, column (b) contains data for respondents with white collar occupations, high income and low education, and so forth.¹ The widely disparate cell frequencies between low and high crystallization groups at the extremes of Table 17, i.e., columns (a) and (h), may seem incongruous when compared to the more or less equal distributions in the remaining six columns. However, when we consider the meaning of status crystallization, it becomes apparent that the particular combination of status variables characterizing columns (a) and (h) are the only two of the eight combinations that will yield "pure" crystallized status. Unfortunately, this fact also determines that few cases will be recorded in the low crystallization group for

¹For a discussion of the dichotomizations of these three variables, see p. 109 supra.
**TABLE 17. PERCENTAGE OF RIGHT-WING EXTREMISTS BY LOW AND HIGH CRYSTALLIZATION GROUPS, CONTROLLED FOR STATUS DIFFERENCES IN OCCUPATION, INCOME AND EDUCATION**

<table>
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<tr>
<td>Income:</td>
<td>High</td>
<td>Low</td>
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<td>Education:</td>
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<th>Per Cent Right-Wing Extremist by:</th>
<th>(a)</th>
<th>(b)</th>
<th>(c)</th>
<th>(d)</th>
<th>(e)</th>
<th>(f)</th>
<th>(g)</th>
<th>(h)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>High Crystallization</td>
<td>20 (111)</td>
<td>24 (33)</td>
<td>21 (34)</td>
<td>19 (26)</td>
<td>29 (14)</td>
<td>21 (38)</td>
<td>12 (26)</td>
<td>40 (15)</td>
</tr>
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</table>

| Percentage Difference | 16 | -6 | 19 | 29 | 12 | 4 | 15 |

\[ p = .06 \]

columns (a) and (h). The complete loss of cases for the low crystallization category of column (a) caused by this feature reduces to seven the number of comparisons that can be made in this table.

With respect to the effect of individual status variables on the distribution of Right-Wing Extremists in the status crystallization categories, little in the way of consistent trends can be discerned. The data of Table 15 (page 111 supra) suggested that low educational status might be related to Right-Wing Extremism. Comparison of the percentage differences between columns (c)/(d) and (g)/(h) indicates that this relationship may remain when other status variables are controlled. The evidence is not complete, however, since this relationship is reversed between columns (e)/(f) and no comparison is possible for columns (a)/(b). Nevertheless, one patterned relationship for combinations of status variables may be discerned in Table 17. The two lowest percentage differences (-6% and 4% for columns (c) and (g) respectively) are observed for the "low income, high education" combination. A possible explanation for this finding is that people in this circumstance, regardless of their occupational level, feel the need for some redistribution of economic opportunities, and have a sufficient level of educational sophistication to believe that contemporary American liberalism can bring this about. Therefore, low crystallization as a consequence of low income and high education does not seem to result in a highly disproportionate incidence of Right-Wing Extremism. This finding is significant when compared to the findings of two earlier
status crystallization studies conducted by Lenski and Jackson.¹ Both these researchers found that high occupation or education combined with low racial-ethnic status predisposed respondents with status inconsistencies to a "left" or liberal political response. It may be that, under given conditions, a combination of high income and low education may predispose Right-Wing attitudes, whereas a combination of low income and high education may predispose Left-Wing attitudes. The implications of this for further studies of political extremism are discussed in the concluding chapter of this study.

The final problem to be considered herein is whether the number of predicted differences observed in Table 17 is statistically significant. The null hypothesis (H₀), based on H₁, to be tested is as follows:

No difference between low and high crystallization groups will be observed with respect to the dependent variable of Right-Wing Extremism when the invalidating effects of status differences in occupation, income and education are controlled.

This form of the hypothesis implies that the crystallized and uncrystallized groups are, in fact, similar with respect to extremist attitudes, and that any differences found between them are due to chance variations. If, at a given level of significance, it can be shown that observed differences between these two groups would be unlikely if the groups were, in fact, the same then the null hypothesis can be rejected.

Although rejecting the null hypothesis does not prove the original hypothesis to be true, it does mean that it has not been disproved. In establishing the acceptable level of significance for the statistical test used in this analysis, the convention of $p = .05$ will be followed.

In testing the significance of the present findings, the concern will be whether the number of positive values obtained (i.e., the number of percentage differences in the direction predicted under H1) could have occurred by chance. Thus, a one-tailed test will be used, since this concern involves prediction in only one direction.

An appropriate test for use when the data involves merely the number of plus or minus values observed is the Sign Test, which is based on the binomial distribution. In the present data, plus (predicted) values are associated with a preponderance of Right-Wing Extremists in the low crystallization group; minus values are associated with a preponderance of Right-Wing Extremists in the high crystallization group. On the null hypothesis (H0), we would expect positive and negative occurrences with equal probability. Since H1 posits that positive differences will occur more frequently, a one-tailed test will be used. For the data in Table 17, seven pairs of comparisons are being made ($N = 7$), one of which is negative ($x = 1$). Reference to Siegel shows that the chance probability of the occurrence under H0 of $x = 1$

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or fewer when \( N = 7 \) is \( \hat{p} = .062 \). This level of significance does not quite meet the specified level of \( \hat{p} = .05 \). However, the fact that known sample biases on the variables of education and income operate in favor of \( \text{H}_0 \) (see supra, pages 109-112), the rejection of \( \text{H}_0 \) at the .06 level of significance would appear warranted.

The conclusion which may be drawn from the foregoing analysis of the relationship between status crystallization and Right-Wing Extremism is, therefore, that individuals whose statuses are uncrystallized are more likely to be Right-Wing Extremist in their political attitudes than individuals whose statuses are crystallized. The implications and significance of this finding will constitute, in part, the next and final chapter of this study.

\footnote{Ibid., pp. 68-69 and Table D, p. 250.}
CHAPTER VII

SUMMARY, DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

Summary

The phenomenon of the "Extreme Right" has become increasingly manifest on the American political scene during the past few years. The present study has been an attempt to predict, using sociological variables, the incidence of Extreme Right political attitudes among individuals. This investigation constitutes a secondary analysis of survey data collected by the Institute for Community Studies, University of Oregon, in their "Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area Study" of 1959—a study of local political attitudes and behavior.

Relevant literature was reviewed, in an attempt to arrive at a suitable working definition of the Extreme Right. On the basis of an analysis of the ideological characteristics of the Extreme Right, it was defined as follows:

The Extreme Right is a militant and millenarian political ideology, espoused by numerous Right-Wing groups and individuals, which maintains as an ideal the principle of "limited individualism"; this principle being articulated as opposition to "collectivism" in government, international relations, modern social principles, and modern social structure and operation.

A cluster analysis of the data at hand was made, and twenty-six items related to Extreme Right attitudes were found to cluster into...
four groups, as follows:

I. Attitudes regarding urban renewal.

II. Attitudes regarding modern social structure and operation.

III. Attitudes regarding government.

IV. Attitudes regarding modern social principles.

On the basis of a sum of Likert-type responses to these items, the sample under study was divided into two categories: "Right-Wing Extremist" and "Non-Extremist." In this research, Right-Wing Extremism constitutes the dependent variable.

The independent variable of this study is the sociological factor of "status crystallization," defined as the extent to which an individual's rank positions on given status hierarchies are at a comparable level. This conceptualization provides a horizontal model of social stratification, in contrast to the traditional uni-dimensional vertical model. The status characteristics used in this study were occupation, income and education. Intervals for each of these three statuses were ranged in rank order and cumulative percentile ranges were computed for each interval. Scores for each interval were assigned on the basis of the midpoints of these percentile ranges. A status crystallization score was then computed for each respondent in the sample, using the following formula:

\[
\text{Status Crystallization Score} = 100 - \sqrt{\sum d^2},
\]

where \(d\) represents deviations from the mean of the three vertical status scores, and 100 a score inversion factor. Using a frequency
distribution of these scores, the sample was divided into two categories of "low" and "high" crystallization, the former group constituting the least crystallized quartile of the total sample.

The literature on status crystallization indicates that status inconsistencies suffer from unsatisfactory social relationships, unstable self-images, rewards out-of-line with investments, and social ambiguity. These conditions conspire to create ambiguous, unclear and inconsistent "normative expectations" for both those who hold inconsistent statuses and those with whom they interact. It has been further suggested that the psychological reaction to this situation is one of stress, frustration, uncertainty and insecurity; which in turn is overtly manifested in social isolation, desire for change, motivation to action, upward mobility, and political extremism (both "left" and "right").

The basic assumption of the present research was that the Extreme Right exists as a form of political expression offering simplistic, highly structured solutions to the frustrations arising from lack of status crystallization, and it was hypothesized that individuals characterized by low status crystallization are more likely to be Right-Wing Extremists in their political attitudes than individuals characterized by high status crystallization.

In testing this hypothesis, the possible invalidating effects of status per se were controlled by stratifying the relationship between status crystallization and Right-Wing Extremism on the variables of occupation, income and education. This is the analytic procedure.
of elaboration known as "explanation" or "control for spuriousness."
The failure of cases to be recorded in one column of the table in which this hypothesis was tested made comparison between high and low crystallization groups on the variable of Right-Wing Extremism impossible for one set of status characteristics. In six of the seven remaining pairs of comparisons, differences in the predicted direction as large or larger than the original relationship between the two crystallization groups were observed. The null hypothesis positing no difference in Right-Wing Extremism between these two crystallization groups was rejected, with a statistical significance of $p = .06$. On the basis of these findings, it was concluded that Right-Wing Extremist attitudes are significantly related to uncrystallized status.

Discussion

In general, it may be said that secondary analysis is weak for predictive purposes, but strong from an exploratory point of view. In the secondary analysis undertaken in this study, we have been restricted to using available data, which was not originally designed for the present research purpose. The effects of this have been felt with respect to both the independent and the dependent variables. Regarding the former, the information available on occupation, income and education was not as detailed as could have been desired. For example, it would have been preferable if actual years of schooling had been given for education beyond high school, rather than type of schooling. Also, since we dealt with the family as a status unit,
full status data on the head of household would have been desirable, thus avoiding the need for certain extrapolations. Moreover, data on occupational history would have been helpful, especially with regard to retired persons. Too often in survey research, this type of factual or "census" information is skimpy, since the length of time required to extract full information reduces the time available to gather other information which may be considered "more important." However, in the type of study where status information is vital, such sacrifices cannot be made. In future research on status crystallization, considerable attention must be paid to collecting sufficiently detailed status information. It is always possible to collapse overly-detailed information, but one cannot do the reverse.

With respect to the dependent variable under study, the attitudinal information available may be considered to be, at best, only an approximation of what would be desirable. This information taps only a fraction of the full complex of twenty-five attitudinal components discerned as characterizing the Extreme Right. Several of the attitudinal components which were represented in the data were "over-measured" (e.g., urban renewal), in that a number of relevant questions were asked where one could suffice. In future research on the Extreme Right, more precise and specific indicators, tapping all attitudinal components, will be required.

However many shortcomings secondary analysis may have with respect to the present study, it does provide invaluable guidelines for future research. Some of the insights gained in the course of the
present research are as follows:

1. The purpose of future research has been clarified. The present study lends considerable support to the conviction, expressed in earlier literature, that differential status crystallization has a definite bearing on behavior and attitudes, particularly those of a political nature. The way is now paved for further studies that will investigate this relationship more extensively.

2. The nature of the concepts with which we have been working has been clarified. An important phase of the present study has been that dealing with a working definition of the Extreme Right—a problem which may otherwise have been neglected under the pressures of designing a research study and collecting data.

3. A number of problems with respect to the kinds of data needed for a study of this type have been brought to light, and these difficulties can be avoided in future research.

4. Related to the above point is the fact that an understanding of the exact information needed in future research has been reached. Thus, a more specific, and consequently shorter, format may be used for gathering data in the future, rather than relying on a "shotgun" approach.

5. A greater awareness of what variables may be important is also an exploratory gain achieved by secondary analysis. Thus, the thorough investigation of the concept of status crystallization undertaken for the present study points out the fact that status variables other than those used in the present study may be important. This point will be
referred to later in this chapter.

6. Finally, this type of investigation points to profitable areas for future research. In line with this, the possibility of studying both "left" and "right" extremism simultaneously will be discussed later in this chapter.

One important point which must be considered in any future use of the status crystallization model is the question of which statuses are most salient in producing the overt consequences of inconsistency. Most of the studies published to date have used "objective" statuses (either "achieved and/or "ascribed"), primarily because they are easy to measure. Lenski and Jackson both used occupation, income, education and ethnicity;¹ Kenkel used occupation, education, rental value of dwelling, and dwelling area prestige;² occupation, income and education were used in the present study. An apparent assumption relied upon in many studies using the status crystallization model is that status inconsistency has adverse effects on those whose statuses are out-of-line. However, as pointed out in Chapter V, this may not be so. For example, one possible reaction to status inconsistency which has not yet been researched is "creativity." Whether the creative


impulse is adverse for individuals or society could be debated. On the other hand, lack of status crystallization, as measured objectively, may be "normal" for many persons. For instance, teachers may "expect" relatively low pay in return for their high education, and other "non-economic" rewards may compensate for their lack of high income. As an alternative to "objective" status it is possible that the use of "subjective" or "self-rated" status would increase the power of the crystallization model, since this would assess whether a respondent perceived problems of status inconsistency. Little has been done in regard to subjective status as yet, although Fenchel, Monderer and Hartley had their sample of college students rate their present and their desired statuses in five different reference groups (the "House" group to which they belonged, other school or outside groups, the general student body at the college, friends and acquaintances, and family). Thus, although "objective" status is important, the possible contribution to be made by using "subjective" status should not be overlooked in future research.

Conclusions

One possible contribution which the present research may have achieved is that of controlling for the invalidating effects of the status variables used in the crystallization model. The importance of

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this factor has been pointed out by Elton Jackson:

The biggest problem in this kind of research, of course, is how to observe the effects of status inconsistency while controlling for the effects of status per se; I don't think the final answer to this question has been uncovered yet.1

As well as can be determined, the present research is the first to employ controls for all status variables simultaneously. However, the method by which this has been achieved requires exceptionally large sample sizes, and it is not likely that controlling can be done for more than three or four status variables at one time. In fact, the author is willing to concede that the low frequencies recorded in some of the cells of Table 17, Chapter VI, produced by this method of controlling, may cast doubts on the significance of the findings of this study. Nevertheless, the present findings seem to point to a definite relationship between inconsistent status and Right-Wing political extremism.

One additional point which may be raised in this section is that of the relationship between the present findings and those of Lenski, who, in his 1954 study, found low status crystallization to be related to political liberalism.2 On the surface, the apparent relationship of uncrystallized status to both Right-Wing Extremism and political liberalism may seem inconsistent. However, it is possible that this inconsistency can be explained in terms of certain evidence that strong

1Personal communication, July 12, 1962.

2Lenski, op. cit.
similarities exist between Left and Right Extremism. Westin has discussed similarities in ideologies, programs, strategies and tactics between the Right of today and the Left of 1945-1948;1 Ringer and Sills have discerned a number of similarities in social characteristics between Right and Left Extremists in Iran.2 Although the Extreme Left is virtually nonexistent in contemporary American society, it is possible that Lenski's indicators of liberalism did not discriminate between the moderate "liberal" Left and what vestiges of the Extreme Left may have been in the population. If this is the case, and since there is reason to believe that Lenski's Detroit Area data may have contained a large proportion of working-class respondents, much of what Lenski measured as "liberalism" may actually be Lipset's "working-class authoritarianism."3

Implications for Future Research

At several points in the present study, observations have been made regarding the relationship of status crystallization to both "left" and "right" political extremism. It would appear that a significant


contribution to our knowledge of these forms of political behavior could be advanced by studying both of them simultaneously, using the status crystallization model. A major question to which such a study could be directed would be to discover what elements, working in conjunction with status inconsistency, predispose a "left" or a "right" political response. It is possible that the crucial factor may be certain configurations of inconsistent statuses as opposed to others. Both Lenski and Jackson found that high occupation or education combined with low racial-ethnic status predisposed status inconsistencies to a "left" or liberal political response.¹ The present study indicates that low educational status may be a salient factor in predisposing a "right" political response. As indicated in Chapter VI, it is possible that the combination of high education and low income is responsible for the low percentage difference between high and low crystallized groups in column (g) and the reversal of predicted percentage difference in column (c) of Table 17 (page 123).

These observations regarding education also point to its implications for social change, especially with reference to vertical mobility. Education may be regarded as a nonreversible achieved status. That is, it is possible to gain an education, but it is not possible to lose it. With educational opportunities becoming available to an increasingly larger segment of the population, it is possible that upward educational mobility may be a more significant indicator of

¹Jackson, op. cit. and Lenski, op. cit.
social change than occupational mobility, since the former often precedes upward occupational changes. It would appear, therefore, that the role of educational status is an important one in determining the possible reaction to status inconsistency.

In conclusion, even in light of the relatively small amount of research that has been done using the status crystallization or status consistency model, it appears to be an important and useful predictive tool for the social sciences. This conviction is shared by Lenski,1 who pioneered and stimulated much of the research in this area. Considering the variables to which this predictive model has been applied (psychosomatic symptoms of stress, social isolation, desire for change, upward social mobility, motivation to action, political liberalism, and Right-Wing Extremism), the implications for the crystallization model for the study of a wide range of "deviant" (both social and psychological) behavior are considerable.

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1Personal communication, April 11, 1962. In part, Lenski wrote, "... I am more convinced than I was in the mid-50s that the concept of status crystallization has real utility."
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APPENDIX A

THE SAMPLE

The data used in the present study was obtained from a sample of the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area, drawn by the Institute for Community Studies at the University of Oregon in the Summer of 1959. Sampling was done in five residential areas of the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan complex: Eugene, Springfield, East Springfield, the River Road area, and the Ferry Street Bridge area. In the following discussion, the different combinations of probability sampling techniques used in each area will be discussed separately.¹

Eugene. The sampling procedures used in Eugene combined proportional stratified sampling, multi-stage cluster sampling, systematic sampling and simple random sampling. Strata were formed according to the socio-economic status of the individuals within the Eugene population. This was effected by the use of proposed census enumeration districts, as drawn up by the Lane County Planning Commission, for the sampling frame. These enumeration districts corresponded roughly to neighborhoods employing similar land use. The rationale for this

¹This discussion is based mainly on "Sampling Methods Used in Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Study of 1958," Institute for Community Studies, Eugene, Oregon: University of Oregon (mimeographed).
procedure was that it would delimit areas within which individuals have homogeneous socio-economic status. This use of contiguous land area to classify socio-economic status was suggested by Cochran's observation:

In surveys which cover a geographic region, adjacent units are often more alike than units that are far apart. . . . People in the same part of town tend to be of similar economic level and have certain things in common in their attitudes and tastes.¹

From each of these stratified enumeration districts, a proportionate random sample of blocks was taken. From the blocks thus selected, each interviewer took a systematic sample of households, alternating male and female respondents from each selected household.

Springfield. In this area, a systematic sampling of every seventh household was obtained, in the following manner. On a utility company map showing every house within the Springfield city limits every block within the city was numbered in a "serpentine" order. Then, a systematic sample of every seventh house was taken, moving in numerical order block by block. To compensate for multiple dwelling units, a map from the Lane County Planning Commission showing all multiple dwelling units in Springfield was used. The number of households within each of these dwelling units was indicated on the map, and every seventh one of these additional households was added to the original sample. Interviewers were given the specific address of each household

in the sample, and were to systematically alternate male and female respondents.

**River Road and Ferry Street Bridge Areas.** Eugene Water and Electric Board meter books (which indicated all users of water and electricity within these areas) were used as the basis for a systematic sample of households in these areas. Since most multiple dwellings in these areas had separate meters for each household, it was felt that the use of meter books gave a total population of all households. In taking the systematic sample, pages which indicated the customer to be a commercial establishment rather than a residential household were eliminated. The sampling proportions of households to be interviewed within the River Road and Ferry Street Bridge areas were thirty-three and twenty-two respectively. These numbers were arrived at by dividing the number of interviews desired in each area plus twenty per cent into the number of households in each area (obtained from a then recent survey by the Bureau of Municipal Research, University of Oregon.

**East Springfield.** In spite of the slight complications introduced by the fact that this area was serviced by three utility companies, the same method of sampling employed in the River Road and Ferry Street Bridge areas was used. That is, a systematic sample of households was drawn from utility company meter records. The sampling proportion used in this area was every tenth household. This pattern was deviated from on the McKenzie Highway, where every twentieth name was used. A smaller sample was taken from this specific area because it contained many commercial establishments, which were not differentiated from
residential utility users in the files of the Pacific Power and Light Company.

The report by the Institute of Community Studies on the sampling methods used in their study is concluded as follows:

Sampling devices used in Springfield, River Road, Ferry Street Bridge and East Springfield were employed primarily for their simplicity and their ease of access, and inclusiveness of the total population of elements we were interested in. Using EDs [enumeration districts] seemed extremely inappropriate in the fringe areas due to large variation of certain types of individuals living within each ED. The type of systematic sampling employed in Springfield gives us estimates of the population parameters closely approximating those that would be secured from a proportionate stratified sample. It should be emphasized that although a variety of sampling techniques have been employed, all are of the probability type, supplying us with measurements of the precision of estimates.¹

APPENDIX B

CLUSTER ANALYSIS DATA

The purpose of the following analysis is to discover the operational unities among the thirty attitudinal indicators of the Extreme Right being studied. The data consists of 435 correlation coefficients between these variables, which are laid out in Table 18, page 159. As discussed in Chapter IV, page 71, extremist and non-extremist responses to these items were dichotomized by placing "Strongly Agree" or "Strongly Disagree" responses (according to the content of the item) in the extremist category and the remaining responses in the non-extremist category. Since this method of dichotomizing responses may be expected to yield disparate marginal frequencies in the computation of inter-item correlations (i.e., a low proportion of extremist

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1The method of cluster analysis used herein is that outlined in Robert Choate Tryon, Cluster Analysis: Correlation Profile and Orthometric (Factor) Analysis for the Isolation of Unities in Mind and Personality, Ann Arbor, Michigan: Edwards Brothers, Inc., 1939. Further reference to this source will be given in the text as "Tryon" and cited in parentheses with relevant page numbers.

2The complete correlation matrix in Table 18 consists of coefficient entries in 870 cells, as determined by the formula \( \frac{n^2}{2} - n \), where \( n \) equals the number of variables defining the matrix. The 30 principal diagonal cells (extending from upper-left to lower-right) are, of course, subtracted in this computation, since they represent the correlation of each variable with itself. Since Table 18 is a symmetric matrix (having equal values in corresponding positions relative to the principal diagonal), there are actually \( \frac{n^2}{2} - \frac{n}{2} \), or 435, discrete variables in the matrix.
to non-extremist responses), it would appear that Yule's "Q" coefficient provides the best measure of association for the correlation matrix, since "Q" remains stable under changes in marginal ratios.¹

Thus, shifts in marginal ratios, which may be expected from even slight changes in the number of extremist to non-extremist responses, will not be reflected in the correlations, "Q" being based on cell ratios.

Most of the variables under study appear to be highly and positively intercorrelated. Reference to the sums of the intercorrelations for each variable with all other variables (Σr in Table 13) indicates that there are four exceptions. Because of its extremely low correlation with all other variables, item 51 (Σr = 4.62) will be eliminated from the analysis at this time. Items 21 (Σr = 7.06), 44 (Σr = 8.29) and 47 (Σr = 8.35) will be retained, however. In spite of fairly low overall intercorrelation sums, these items are all quite highly correlated with certain groups of variables. A possible exception to this is item 47, which may have to be eliminated later in the analysis.

Before correlation profiles for clusters can be drawn, the variables will be sorted on the basis of the intercorrelations and assigned to groups by means of "B" coefficients. The first step in this operation is to list the intercorrelations between pairs of variables by size (cf. Tryon, pages 43-44, 47). This distribution of

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| .34| .32| .40| .16| .16| .60| .43| .57| .63| .67| .18| .13| .12| .44| .55| -.01| .58| .23| .54| .43| 12.84|
| .71| .77| .83| .40| -.29| .79| .80| .76| .76| .87| .31| .22| .32| .68| .39| .56| .62| .63| .66| .38| 17.37|
| .38| .65| .44| .62| .16| .65| .56| .37| .62| .31| .29| .43| .51| .46| .41| .44| .08| .05| -.02| -.16| 13.44|
| .43| .41| .38| .45| .04| .57| .45| .60| .56| .60| .26| .21| .29| .31| .42| .40| .32| .02| .02| .11 | 12.35|
| .77| .73| .63| .51| .37| .45| .50| .46| .28| .42| .22| .14| .13| .45| .49| .25| .41| .57| .57| .22 | 11.89|
| .82| .82| .77| .44| .32| .38| .46| .15| .22| .20| .11| .17| .04| .40| .35| .36| .49| .56| .39| .08 | 10.32|
| .82| (.82)| .78| .39| .35| .54| .62| .68| .51| .57| .07| .25| .06| .49| .48| .24| .49| .54| .40| -.11 | 12.64|
| .77| .78| (.83)| .50| .50| .41| .50| .43| .36| .62| .34| .22| .10| .54| .28| .48| .66| .58| .70| -.08 | 11.29|
| .44| .39| .50| (.71)| .76| .54| .66| .68| .65| .71| .54| .48| .45| .32| .71| .48| .34| .33| .43| -.05 | 13.81|
| .32| .35| .50| .76| (.78)| .40| .48| .78| .62| .61| .52| .69| .60| -.14| .74| .42| .23| .25| .26| .22 | 10.71|
| .38| .54| .41| .54| .40| (.98)| .98| .93| .93| .94| .13| .16| .13| .50| .62| .19| .65| .41| .64| .16 | 15.65|
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| .15| .68| .43| .68| .78| .93| .93| (.98)| .98| .97| .60| .58| .57| .55| .69| .06| .67| .47| .67| .23 | 17.51|
| .22| .51| .36| .65| .62| .93| .93| .98| (.99)| .99| .50| .54| .54| .38| .44| .20| .55| .33| .56| .26 | 15.89|
| .20| .57| .62| .71| .61| .94| .95| .97| .99| (.99)| .59| .63| .63| .56| .62| -.01| .66| .57| .74| .36 | 17.13|
| .11| .07| .34| .54| .52| .13| .29| .60| .50| .59| (.78)| .78| .72| .15| .48| .49| .13| .37| .23| .25 | 9.66 |
| .17| .25| .22| .48| .69| .16| .34| .58| .54| .63| .78| (.89)| .89| -.05| .45| .55| -.15| .36| -.02| .09 | 9.18 |
| .04| .06| .10| .45| .60| .13| .31| .57| .54| .63| .72| .89| (.89)| -.16| .51| .50| -.24| .24| -.17| .13 | 8.29 |
| .40| .49| .54| .32| -.14| .50| .43| .55| .38| .56| -.15| -.05| -.16| (.77)| .40| .77| .59| .58| .65| .19 | 11.11|
| .35| .48| .28| .71| .74| .62| .56| .69| .44| .62| .48| .45| .51| .40| (.77)| .50| .69| .67| .77| .20 | 14.08|
| .36| .24| .48| .48| .19| .07| .06| .20| -.01| .49| .55| .50| .77| .50| (.77)| .17| .53| .41| .09 | 8.35 |
| .49| .49| .66| .34| -.23| .65| .53| .67| .55| .66| .13| -.15| -.24| .59| .69| .17| (.93)| .87| .93| .38 | 11.80|
| .56| .34| .58| .33| .25| .41| .42| .47| .33| .57| .37| .36| .24| .58| .67| .53| .87| (.91)| .91| .29 | 12.16|
| .39| .40| .70| .43| .26| .64| .55| .67| .56| .74| .23| -.02| -.17| .65| .77| .41| .93| .91| (.93)| .23 | 12.96|
| .08| -.11| -.08| -.05| .22| .16| .02| .23| .26| .36| .25| .09| .13| .19| .20| .09| .38| .29| .23| (.43) | 4.62 |

**TABLE 18. ORIGINAL CORRELATION MATRIX: THIRTY VARIABLES**

(a) excl. diag.
(b) incl. diag.
variables is plotted in Table 19, page 161. The entries on the head of this table are correlation intervals. Thus, the correlation between variables 18 and 36 falls between .90 and .94, the correlation between variables 20 and 27 falls between .75 and .79, and so forth. This table facilitates the selection of variables to be assigned to tentative clusters by the "B" coefficient method.

The "B" coefficient operation is based on the assumption that the variables related to a given factor should have higher intercorrelations between themselves than with other variables under analysis. The "B" coefficient ("coefficient of belonging") is defined by Fruchter as follows:

The B-Coefficient gives the ratio of the average intercorrelations of the variables in a cluster to their average correlation with the variables not included in the cluster. A B-coefficient of 1.00 would indicate that the variables in the cluster correlate no more highly among themselves than they do with the variables outside of the cluster.\(^1\)

Basically, the "B" coefficient procedure involves the systematic introduction, one at a time, of variables assumed related to a given group until the coefficient obtained shows a significant drop over that obtained for the previous set. The calculation of "B" coefficients for the present study is given in Table 20, pages 164-166 (cf. Tryon, pages 44-45, 48). The grouping is ordinarily begun by selecting the two variables which have the highest correlation, to which are systematically added variables for which the sum of correlations with the preced-

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### Table 19. Distribution of Correlations of Each Variable: Twenty-Nine Variables

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ing group are highest. In the present analysis, some groups consisting of items with extremely high intercorrelations are begun with more than two variables. The following outline of the "B" coefficient procedure discusses the steps represented by columns (1) through (11) of Table 20.

**COLUMN** | **PROCEDURE**
---|---
(1) | List of variables in the cluster, with \( i \) being the last added.
(2) | Sum of the correlations in column \( i \) (from Table 18, page 159). The first row in the analysis will contain the sums of the columns for all variables in the cluster (ordinarily two).
(3) | Sum of the correlations between variable \( i \) and those already in the cluster.
(4) | Sum of all the correlation coefficients in the cluster.
(5) | Sum of the correlations of the variables in the cluster with the variables not in the cluster.
(6) | The number of variables in the cluster.
(7) | The number of intercorrelations among variables in the cluster.
(8) | The number of remaining intercorrelations (i.e., the number of intercorrelations between the variables in the cluster and those not in the cluster).
(9) | The average of the correlation coefficients in the cluster.
(10) | The average of the correlations between the variables in the cluster and the remaining variables.
(11) | The ratio of the average of the correlations in the cluster to the average of the remaining correlations of the variables in the cluster (i.e., the ratio of column 9 to column 10). This is the "B" coefficient.

As indicated earlier, the procedure of adding variables is continued until the coefficient obtained shows a significant drop over that obtained for the previous set of variables. This procedure is illus-
trated in the first set of computations in Table 20, page 164, where a drop in the "B" coefficient from 1.959 to 1.950 warrants the exclusion of variable 25 from the cluster of variables 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 18 and 23. Although Holzinger and Harmon set the minimum significant value of a "B" coefficient at 1.30,¹ some judgement as to what constitutes a "significant drop" must be exercised by the analyst. The small drop obtained when variable 26 is added to the cluster of variables 25, 27 and 20 is not as significant, for instance, as the large decrease recorded when variable 34 is added to the cluster of variables 43, 44 and 41 (cf. Table 20, page 165). Moreover, the tentative exclusion of an item by the "B" coefficient method is not conclusive evidence that it will not cluster with the group in question.

The tentative clusters of variables discerned by the computation of "E" coefficients are summarized at the end of Table 20, page 166. The items indicated by a question mark (variables 22, 33, 34, 45, 46 and 49) are those variables which appear to be related to a given cluster, although the "B" coefficient obtained when they were included decreased over the previous coefficient for the set. These variables will receive further consideration when the mean correlation profiles of variables by clusters are calculated and plotted. Item 47 does not appear to be related to any of the tentative clusters. It will therefore be eliminated from further investigation and considered a "residual" variable for this analysis.

TABLE 20. TENTATIVE ALLOCATION OF VARIABLES TO CLUSTERS BY THE "B" COEFFICIENT METHOD

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| 48 49 50              | 36.92                  | 2.71                   | 2.71                                         | 31.50                                        | 3                                             | 3                                             | 100                                          | .903                          | .403                          | 2.240                       |
| 48 49 50 46?          | 14.08                  | 2.13                   | 4.84                                         | 41.32                                        | 4                                             | 6                                             | 100                                          | .806                          | .413                          | 1.951                       |

Check: \( \sum (2) = 51.00 = 2 \times (4.84) + 41.32 = 51.00 \)

| 48 49 50 45?          | 11.11                  | 1.82                   | 4.53                                         | 38.97                                        | 4                                             | 6                                             | 100                                          | .755                          | .390                          | 1.935                       |

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TENTATIVE CLUSTERS:

A: 36 37 38 39 40 18 23
B: 48 49 50 -- 46? 45?
C: 25 27 20 26 21 24
D: 43 44 41 -- 34? 33? 22?
E: 30 31 32 29 -- 45? 49?
RESIDUAL: 47
The next step in the cluster analysis will be to examine the congruence of each variable with the tentative clusters determined by the "B" coefficient procedure. To this end, the mean correlation of each variable with each of the tentative clusters is calculated in Table 21, page 168 (cf. Tryon, pages 45-46, 49). The data for columns (1) to (5) of this table consists of the sum of the correlations of each variable with all other variables in its tentative cluster, including diagonal entries (from Table 18, page 159 above). For example, the sum of correlations for variable 18 with group A (variables 18, 23, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40) is (.93) + .71 + .92 + .93 + .91 + .91 + .91 = 6.24. For columns (1) through (5), "s" represents the number of variables in each group. Each entry in columns (1) through (5) is then multiplied by "1/s" (e.g., 1/s = .143 for group A), the product of which is entered in a corresponding cell in columns (6) through (10). These mean correlations from columns (6) through (10) are next plotted as trial correlation profiles in Figure 3, page 169 (cf. Tryon, pages 46, 50). At this stage, additional relationships between the variables in the five tentative clusters may be noted. First, although item 23 appeared to be related to Tentative Cluster A on the basis of its "B" coefficient, its mean profile is markedly disparate from those of the other variables in this cluster. This item will therefore be excluded from further analysis. Second, item 46, a questionable variable in Tentative Cluster B, also shows considerable discrepancy from the other variables in its group, and will therefore be eliminated. Together with item 47 (eliminated from analysis by the "B" coefficient procedure)
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FIGURE 3. TRIAL CORRELATION PROFILES OF VARIABLES WITH GROUPS

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these items will constitute "residual variables" for this cluster analysis. Third, the profiles for items 22, 33 and 34 seem to correspond closely to those of the basic variables in Tentative Cluster D. These items, therefore, will be retained in this cluster. Finally, items 45 and 49 appear to be related to both Tentative Clusters B and E. This suggests that these two clusters are related. The trial correlation profiles for these combined clusters, presented in Figure 4 below, verifies this observation. For the balance of this analysis, therefore, Tentative Clusters B and E will be considered as one cluster.

FIGURE 4. TRIAL CORRELATION PROFILES OF VARIABLES IN TENTATIVE CLUSTERS B AND E

The last step in the cluster analysis will be to plot the final correlation profiles of individual variables according to the clusters established in the previous operation. To facilitate this, the correlation coefficients for items arranged by clusters are laid out in Table 22, page 171 (cf. Tryon, page 5). At this stage, the clusters are named according to their congruence with the initially hypothesized
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**TABLE 22. FINAL CORRELATION MATRIX: TWENTY-NINE CLUSTERED VARIABLES**
clusters. The final correlation profiles of clustered variables are presented in Chapter IV, Figure 1, page 82 (cf. Tryon, page 7). The discussion of the groupings discerned by this cluster analysis, with particular reference to their relationship to the initially hypothesized clusters, accompanies this figure in the text. The variables identified by the operational unities of "urban renewal," "modern social structure and operation," "government" and "modern social principles" will constitute the Right-Wing Extremism scale developed at the end of Chapter IV.