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Appendix 1. Methodological note on the interviews

24 members of the Finns Party's organisational elite were interviewed for the study. All of the interviewed individuals held or had held one or several leading positions within the party organisation. The interviewees included two members of the party leadership, three current or former party secretaries, a member party office staff, a member of the party executive, four members of the parliamentary group, seven regional leaders and six local leaders from Central Finland and in Southwest Finland. The semi-structured thematic interviews were conducted during 28.1.–8.10.2020. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, only three of the interviews were conducted face-to-face and 21 interviews were conducted remotely either on the phone or via video conference. The length of the interviews ranged between 45 minutes to 100 minutes. The interviews were transcribed and analysed qualitatively using NVivo with a focus on the following themes that were used to structure the interviews: member recruitment, party activities and events, internal and external communication, incentives for membership and activism, advantages and disadvantages of membership, requirements for office, party community, role of party in activist's lives, perceived advantages and disadvantages of mass party, views regarding the party's functioning, organisational changes, role and power of party actors, and member power.

Appendix 2. List of interviewed Finns Party representatives

Representative 1, Member of party leadership
Representative 2, Member of party leadership
Representative 3, Current or former party secretary
Representative 4, Current or former party secretary
Representative 5, Current or former party secretary
Representative 6, Member of party executive
Representative 7, Member of party office staff
Representative 8, Member of parliament
Representative 9, Member of parliament
Representative 10, Member of parliament
Representative 11, Member of parliament
Representative 12, Member of regional leadership, Southwest Finland
Representative 13, Member of regional leadership, Southwest Finland
Representative 14, Member of regional leadership, Central Finland
Representative 15, Member of regional leadership, Central Finland
Representative 16, Member of regional leadership, Central Finland
Representative 17, Member of local leadership, Southwest Finland
Representative 18, Member of local leadership, Southwest Finland
Representative 19, Member of local leadership, Southwest Finland
Representative 20, Member of local leadership, Central Finland
Representative 21, Member of local leadership, Central Finland
Representative 22, Member of local leadership, Central Finland
Representative 23, De-identified member of regional leadership
Representative 24, De-identified member of regional leadership

Appendix 3. Methodological note regarding *Figure 1*

To map and analyse the base of associations that comprises the party's organization, I created a database of the various organisational entities that are or have been associated to the Finns Party. The bulk of the database was gathered using the archive of the Finnish Patent and Registry Office (FPRO, 2021), where one can access data on Finnish associations that are either extant, terminated, or in the process of being registered. I initially searched the archive using the party's official Finnish name and complemented this by additional search strings in order to locate data on certain associations and foundations that are, or at some point have been, associated to the Finns Party but do not carry the party's name. Then, using the available archival metadata and party literature, the entries were manually coded to characterize their role in the party association (e.g. local chapter, foundation, special interest association etc.), date of founding, level of association (national/ regional/ municipal) and current status in the party (recognised/ not recognised). To discern which associations were no longer recognised by the party organization, I compiled a list of the names of the officially recognised associations using the party's and the 16 regional associations' websites, and compared this list with the list of associations gathered from the FPRO's archive. As there were some mistakes in the listings found on the websites, the status of associations that were not mentioned on the party websites' listings were double-checked using other sources. Three methods were used to try to confirm the status of unsure cases: 1) doing a google search to find news pieces involving the associations, 2) searching a separately collected database of the party newspaper, and 3) searching an online discussion board frequented by the party's activists. Data on associations whose status as a 'registered association' has expired, and which therefore are no longer active, were found directly using the FPRO's archive.

Appendix 4. Sources of the annual membership data points represented in *Figure 1*

Data points for membership numbers in Figure 1	
Year	Number of members (Source)
2020	13 200 (Representative, 24)
2019	11 500 (Turunen, 2019)
2018	10 700 (Akimo, 2018)
2017	10 500 (Virkkunen, 2017) or 9 500 (Laitinen, 2017)
2016	9 500 (Borg et al., 2016; Pohjanpalo, 2016)
2015	10 000 (STT, 2015)
2014	8600 (Akimo, 2018)
2013	8 000 (TS, 2013)
2012	6800 (Akimo, 2018)
2011	5 000 (Borg et al., 2016; Niemelä, 2011)
2010	3200 (Akimo, 2018)
2009	2900 (Akimo, 2018)
2008	2 700 (Borg et al., 2016)
2004	2 000 (Borg et al., 2016;)
1995	300 (Arter and Kestilä-Kekkonen, 2014: 949)
1980	20 000 (Borg et al., 2016)
1970	27 000 (Mickelsson 2007: 404)
1960	9 000 (Borg et al., 2016)

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