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Propositions accompanying the dissertation

Propositions relating to the subject of the dissertation (at least four)

1. The literature on local party organization has generally downplayed the electoral advantage of building a dense structure of local party branches.
2. In contrast to what the literature on party membership suggests, cultivating an extensive network of party members is not necessarily associated with better electoral outcomes.
3. Contrary to what the more conservative strand of the literature on party membership proposes, alternative forms of membership benefit parties' campaigning efforts.
4. Party elites comprised of individuals with homogenous career background and common professional links are more cohesive and less prone to internal conflicts than elites with more various career pathways and walks of life.

Propositions relating to the field of the subject of the dissertation (at least four)

1. The participation of business firm parties (inherently based on the intersection between politics and business interests) in the state administration represents various potential risks.
2. Political entrepreneurs play an increasingly important role in the establishment of new anti-establishment parties in the majority of European countries.
3. ANO is an intersection of its party leader's business network and the party organizational structures.
4. The electoral success of new anti-establishment parties represents a major change in post-communist Czech and Slovak politics.

Propositions on one or more subjects of the candidate's choice (at most four)

1. The effects of the on-going pandemic on society may increase the demand for anti-establishment politics across Europe.
2. Considering the geographical, historical and political factors, the Czech Republic is a part of Central Europe, not Eastern Europe.