Since there have been so many works stressing the process of fiscal decentralization, virtually no research on Mexican politics has analyzed the issue of party decentralization. This article holds that, due to the increase in electoral competition, sub-national political leaders have obtained control over significant political resources, such as nominations, campaign financing and future jobs. In order to measure the scope of these changes, this article uses data on the political careers of PRI Senate candidates, in order to assess the degree of decentralization of one of the most highly centralized parties in the world.

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