

# *Right-wing and ultra-conservative options for power in Spain are diluted*

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Spain cleared the danger of a leadership made up of the right-wing Popular Party associated with no less than the ultra-conservative Vox, when Socialist Pedro Sanchez won a majority in the Congress of Deputies and was sworn in as president of the government.

Sanchez was proclaimed after four months of frantic talks with Catalan pro-independence supporters, besieged by opponents as he promised an amnesty for those accused of Catalonia's sovereignty process.

In these intense negotiations, the leader of the PSOE, the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party, achieved what at first appeared thorny, the backing of eight parties, including his own.

He has thus become the first Spanish president since the return of democracy to accede to this position without his party having been the political force with the most votes in the legislative elections.

And it seems that the most relevant factor to achieve this has been the fear of many of a government of the Popular Party with the extremists of Vox, the latter a ghost that haunts Spain.

Sánchez won the investiture with 179 votes in favor, more than the indispensable number, without this implying a clearly favorable scenario.

Nearly 15 days of permanent protests in front of PSOE headquarters, with clashes of radicals in the streets with the police and even the pronouncement of fifty retired Francoist military officers to demand the dismissal of the new president of the government, have marked the polarization of society.

But the anger of fanatics was not only perceived from the public roads, since a sector of businessmen, the Western press and even the debt rating agency Moodys questioned Sánchez's compromise with the pro-independence formations Junts per Catalunya and Esquerra Republicana.

As can be seen, the path of the coming Socialist government is full of obstacles.

The right wing will continue to strain the atmosphere and the nationalists warn of their daily evaluation to decide on the continuity of their support.

The plurality of profiles of the alliance that sustains it and a difficult European situation will also qualify the management of the new Spanish government.

However, the new government is confident that it will be able to broaden the PSOE's support base if it implements its social program and its renewed capacity for political survival.

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