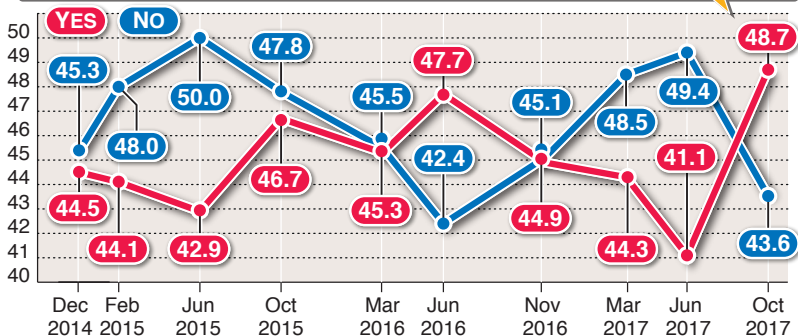


Catalan support for independence on the rise

Within Catalonia, support for an independent republic rose to an almost three-year high in October, a sharp reversal of the last survey that gave pro-unity supporters a clear lead

Oct 2017: First survey since independence declaration shows 48.7% support for secession – 7.6 percentage points more than in June



■ **Nov 9, 2014:** Catalan authorities stage symbolic poll on secession, despite strong opposition from Madrid. More than 80% vote in favour, but turnout is only 40%

■ **Sep 27, 2015:** Pro-sovereignty forces win majority of seats in Catalan parliament

■ **Jan 2016:** Regional assembly chooses staunch separatist **Carles Puigdemont** to head government

■ **Mar 2017:** Former Catalan president **Artur Mas** banned from public office for two years over 2014 vote

■ **Oct 1:** Spanish police disrupt independence referendum, injuring hundreds of people. Vote backs split from Spain and government declares independence. Madrid imposes direct rule

Oct 2017 survey by Centre d'Estudis d'Opinió (CEO) of 1,338 people between Oct 16-29. Margin of error ± 2.69 points

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