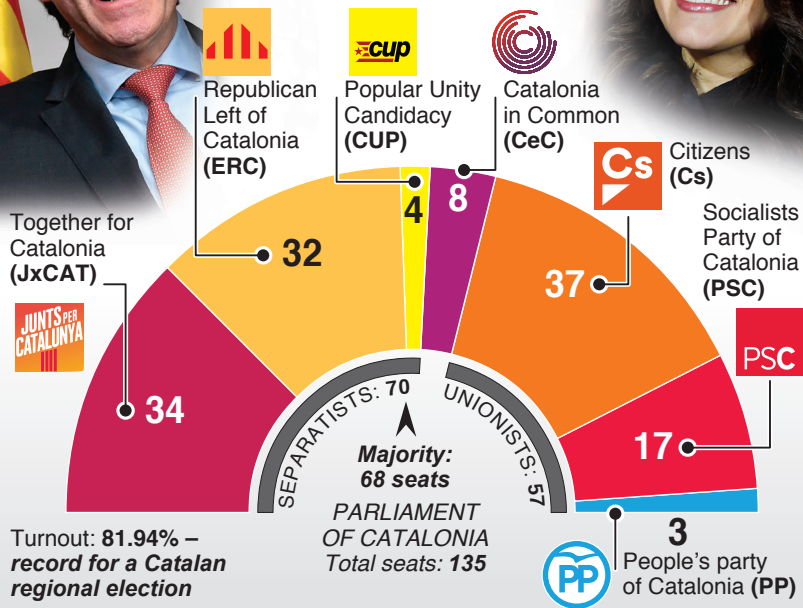


# Catalan separatists keep majority

Pro-independence parties in Catalonia have held their absolute majority in snap regional elections, dealing a blow to the Spanish government which had called the polls in the hope of defusing the secessionist push

Ousted separatist president, **Carles Puigdemont**, of JxCAT party, hailed result as victory for "Catalan republic"

Centre-right, pro-unionist **Citizens** party of **Inés Arrimadas** was single biggest winner

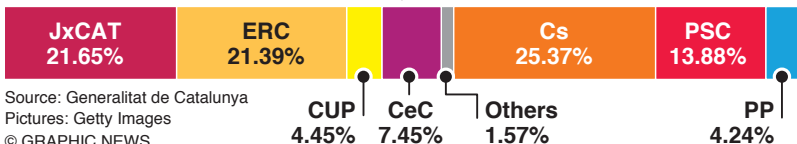


PERCENTAGE VOTE

50%

INDEPENDENTIST: 47.28%

UNIONIST: 43.7%



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