

Spain's PM calls snap election

The Eurozone's fourth-largest economy is facing more turmoil as Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez calls an election just nine months after taking office. Polls suggest no party will win a majority



Socialist leader called snap election for April 28 after failing to pass Budget bill. PM's refusal to discuss independence for Catalonia angered separatist MPs who vetoed his finance plans

Socialist Party (PSOE)
Centre-left party of **Pedro Sánchez**

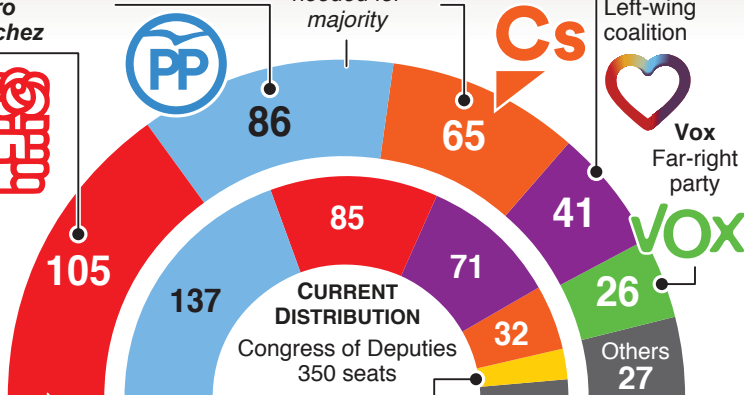
Partido Popular (PP)
Centre-right party

PROJECTION OF SEATS*
176 seats needed for majority

Ciudadanos "Citizens"
Centre-right party

Unidos Podemos "Together We Can"
Left-wing coalition

Vox
Far-right party



Opinion polls suggest PSOE would win election. But conservatives PP, Cs and far-right Vox party – which is poised to enter parliament for first time – may win enough seats to form right-wing coalition

17 Catalan separatist parties: Republican Left of Catalonia (ERC) 9, Catalan European Democratic Party (PDeCAT) 8

8 Others: Basque Nationalist Party (PNV) 5, EH Bildu 2, Canarian Coalition 1