

# Spain marks 50 years since Franco's death

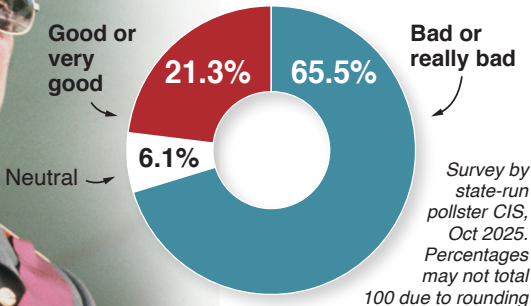
Half a century after Francisco Franco's death, rising support for Spain's far right is reviving his legacy among young voters, prompting official commemorations that warn of fascism's lingering dangers

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## PUBLIC OPINION ON FRANCO ERA

More than one in five Spaniards (21.3%) see Franco era as "good" or "very good", compared to 11.2% when asked similar question in 2000



After overthrowing democratic republic in 1936-39 civil war, Franco ruled Spain with iron fist until his death in 1975

## FRANCOISM BY NUMBERS

**>500,000**

**Deaths in Spanish Civil War** (1936-39, military and civilian)

**100,000-200,000**

**Deaths from Francoist repression** (1939-75)

**114,000**

**Forcibly disappeared people** in around **3,000** mass graves across Spain; nearly **9,000** bodies exhumed in recent years

**>500,000**

**Exiled Spaniards.** Over 5,000 exiles later died in Nazi concentration camps

**>30,000**

**"Lost Children"** of Republican parents taken into state care and adopted by regime-loyal families

**~600**

**Deaths during Transition to democracy** (mid-1970s to early 1980s) from terrorism, far-right, and state-linked violence

Sources: Centro de Investigaciones Sociológicas (CIS), Asociación para la Recuperación de la Memoria Histórica (ARMH), U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Complutense University of Madrid, El País, Reuters

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