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## **Socialists win elections in Andalusia and strung 37 years of government**

### **Appear populist and citizens forces**

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**USPA NEWS** - The Socialist Party won the regional elections held on March 22 in Andalusia, with the same number of seats it won in 2012. Second forcé in the regional Parliament will be the conservative PP. But the elections confirmed the end of bipartisanship in Spain.

The Socialists were the only party that resisted the thrust of the new formations, the populist Podemos and Ciudadanos. No pre-electoral history in Andalusia, these two parties won 15 and 9 seats respectively. Of the traditional parties, the conservative Popular Party (PP in its acronym in Spanish), which supports the national government of Mariano Rajoy, lost 17 deputies from previous elections and the communists of the United Left (IU its acronym in Spanish) they lost seven. The PP won 33 seats, and despite his fall, remained the second largest party, while IU only won five deputies.

The Socialists won in seven of the eight Andalusian provinces except Almería, tied with the PP. Election day was uneventful, with a share four points higher than that recorded in 2012. The expectations created by the populists of Podemos mobilized the Andalusians, yet again gave its support to the Socialist Party. This party will chain with this outcome 37 years of uninterrupted government in Andalusia.

However, the Socialists can not govern alone. They need to agree and speak only possible options Podemos and Ciudadanos, the two parties that are released in the regional parliament. They are the big winners of these elections, which were presented for the first time. But the polls showed that corruption does not seem to matter to the Andalusians, who returned to give their support to the party that has been involved in the worst cases of political corruption in the recent history of Spain. But they also made clear that, despite the economic recovery, wear the national government also reaches regions. This is how the successful emergence of populism in the Spanish political landscape is explained.

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