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Popular Party won the elections in Galicia and the Basque nationalists win

Socialist Party Debacle

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USPA NEWS - The conservative Popular Party (PP) won Sunday's regional elections in Galicia, achieving an absolute majority, while in the Basque Country was the Basque Nationalist Party (PNV its Spanish acronym) the victor in the elections. The Socialist Party suffered a strong setback.

The results of the Galician and Basque regional elections impact on Spanish politics. And, following the results in these two regions of northern Spain, the Popular Party can ensure support for the Basque investiture of Mariano Rajoy as Prime Minister and the Socialist Party loses strength to oppose the re-election of Rajoy. In Galicia, where he was elected 75 regional deputies, the Popular Party won 41 seats, compared to 14 won by the populist formation En Marea and 14 made by the Socialist Party. In fourth position was the Galician nationalist party BNG, with six deputies. PP repeats the number of deputies, while En Marea wins in five, the Socialist Party loses four and BNG wins a seat.

In the Basque Country, victory at the polls was for the Basque Nationalist Party, which won 29 seats out of 75. In second position was the pro-independence coalition EH Bildu, which won 17 deputies, ahead of the populist Podemos, with 11 deputies, of the Socialist Party with nine seats and the Popular Party with nine seats. The nine seats socialists and conservatives are needed by Basque nationalists to achieve an absolute majority, and this data is relevant to the Spanish politics because the conservative Popular Party would offer support to the PNV in exchange for favorable vote of Basque nationalists for the investiture of Mariano Rajoy as Prime Minister.

The great loser in Galician and Basque regional elections is the Socialist Party. Since Pedro Sanchez assumed the General Secretary of the party, the Socialists have lost votes and seats on in all elections that have been held in Spain. In the elections held on Sunday in the Basque Country, he lost seven seats. Nevertheless, Sanchez stands firm in his refusal to support the formation in Spain of a Government led by Mariano Rajoy. He reiterated on Saturday, the day of reflection for Galician and Basque regional elections. Spanish political parties analyze the election results Monday and resume contacts to try to unblock the political situation in Spain. Rajoy hopes to get the necessary support to run for a second investiture session.

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