
SPAIN'S 54-DAY SPRINT TO THE POLLS: CAN SANCHEZ'S HOUSING GAMBLE STOP THE FAR-RIGHT FROM ENTERING INTO GOVERNMENT?

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After years without being able to pass a budget, a coalition that wavered over every major proposal, the Ceuta crisis, a string of corruption cases and people taking to the streets over the housing crisis, Spanish prime minister Pedro Sánchez has called snap elections for 29 November □ just as a rightwing victory appears increasingly unstoppable.

Mondays (5 October) move is barely a surprise. Sánchezs gambles have proven effective in the past to keep his grasp on power.

Even before the summer, an early election wasnt considered a far-fetched possibility. Sources in Sánchezs centre-left Spanish Socialist Workers Party (PSOE) and its allies linked it to the budget vote anytime from October onwards, with some analysts pointing to November 2026 as a politically attractive date.

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