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More than half of Spaniards want the elections to be repeated

Without Rajoy and Pedro Sanchez

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USPA NEWS - More than half of Spaniards want the elections are repeated, given the existing institutional impasse over the lack of a majority to govern. This was revealed by a survey that also predicts a decline in votes to the conservative Popular Party and the Socialist Party.

The institutional deadlock in Spain begins to take its toll on political parties. A survey published Sunday reveals that a majority of citizens - the 58.3% - want the elections are repeated and, in that case, consider that neither the acting Prime Minister and leader of the conservative Popular Party, Mariano Rajoy, and the Secretary General of the Socialist Party, Pedro Sanchez, should repeat as candidates. Spaniards blame them prolonged state of interim Government and the lack of an agreement to ensure the country's governance.

All this translates into a loss of support for the two main Spanish political parties, the conservative Popular Party (PP) and Socialist Party (PSOE its acronym in Spanish). The intention to vote the PP has seen a decline of two points since last December 20, when the last legislative elections were held, and stands at 26.9%. For its part, the PSOE recorded a slight decrease to 21.7% - four percent less than in December election -, while the far-left populist represented in Podemos low three tenths to 20.3%. The centrist Citizens would be the great benefit of repeating the elections because it would raise five points to 18.9%.

The Simple Logic Institute survey confirms the existing state of opinion in Spain, where more and more citizens question the capacity of the acting Prime Minister, Mariano Rajoy, and the Socialist candidate, Pedro Sanchez, to take the reins of the country. The two leaders met on Friday afternoon and showed, once again, his bad relationship. Just this meeting lasted 30 minutes, which did nothing to bring positions. On the contrary, the two leaders declared entitled to form Government: the Socialist, because he is the candidate nominated by the King, and the Conservative, which twice rejected the appointment offered him by the King, because he expect the failure of his rival.

Rajoy insisted this weekend that it should be he who governs, as the candidate who won the elections on December 20 game. He claimed his right to be Prime Minister and reiterated its offer of a coalition Government with the Socialists and Citizens. In his opinion, the Socialist Pedro Sanchez "can't govern" if a pact with the extreme left populist, because that would be "a Government of Podemos" chaired by Pedro Sanchez "in support of independence". A Government that could be confirmed later this month, as claimed by Sanchez.

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