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# Spain looks to the abyss

## Spanish politics becomes Italian

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**USPA NEWS** - The Spanish press highlights this Friday, when the second day of the debate on the motion of censure against the Conservative Government of Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, the refusal of the president to resign and call elections, and the weakness of the Government that seeks to form the candidate socialist Pedro Sanchez. Spain looks to the abyss.

If Rajoy resigned, the motion of censure would lapse and the acting Government could call elections that, for all the main Spanish newspapers, would normalize politics. But Rajoy refuses to resign and with that the Government of Spain surrenders to the socialist leader Pedro Sanchez, whose party has only 84 deputies in a the Lower House of Parliament of 350 seats. Sanchez found on Thursday the support of Catalan pro-independence, the extreme left of Podemos and the Basque nationalists, who guaranteed support for state budgets for this year, which are pending in the Senate. The circumstance occurs that the Socialist Party had presented an amendment to the totality of those budgets, considering them antisocial.

For the newspaper El Mundo, "the resignation of the president would end up translating almost certainly into what the country needs: an orderly end of the legislature and elections on a near horizon." In an editorial entitled "Rajoy renounces to avoid disaster," El Mundo recalls that, "during the debate, Sanchez himself, cowed by the reckless Government that he is going to lead, repeatedly demanded that the president make use of that cartridge. "For that responsibility," says the newspaper, "to which all politicians appealed in the Hemicycle, Rajoy should rectify. He can't pretend to be disillusioned as a leader of the opposition from now on."

Remember the newspaper El Pais, under the title of "Unviable Government", that in the debate on Thursday "it was found that neither the President of the Government can continue nor the leader of the opposition has the political capacity to lead a stable and coherent Executive." For El País, "with their refusal to call the polls to solve this serious crisis, the leaders of the two parties that have governed democracy show that they have no confidence in themselves or their voters to renew their support in other times they gave them."

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