This Friday ends the campaign for the legislative in Spain

They are celebrated on Sunday

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USPA NEWS - At midnight this Friday, July 21, 2023, the electoral campaign of the Spanish legislatures ends. On Sunday, almost 37.5 million Spaniards are summoned to the polls to elect the 350 deputies and 265 senators that will make up the sixteenth legislature and from which the next Government of Spain will emerge.

All the polls anticipate the victory of the conservative Popular Party, led by the one who for 13 years was president of the regional government of Galicia (Northwestern Spain). He is opposed by the still president of the Spanish Government, the socialist Pedro Sánchez. Both have starred in the main debates of the campaign. They faced each other in a debate on the private television Antena 3 and this Wednesday, although he was not present, the conservative candidate, Alberto Núñez Feijóo, was once again the enemy to beat. In the socialist ranks there is fear of a debacle similar to the one suffered in the local and regional elections in May, and it is feared that a victory by Núñez Feijóo will end the reforms undertaken by Pedro Sánchez at the head of the socialist Government.

In Sunday's elections, two different visions of Spain are opposed. On the one hand, that of the socialist Government of Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez, supported by the extreme left and the Catalan separatists, for whom the main thing is to attend to the social needs of Spaniards through new laws for the protection of women, new subsidies and new marriages, increasing the number of public companies and raising taxes; and on the other, that of the conservative Popular Party, for which the most important thing is to favor the creation of private companies and job creation, without neglecting the defense of the unity of Spain and the family.

In case the Socialists win, the Catalan separatists have already announced their future demands, including a referendum on self-determination. The Basque separatists have also raised the price of their support for the Spanish Government, and the extreme left that, in these elections, is witnessing the breakup of the Podemos (We Can) coalition. Sumar emerges in its space, a new coalition led by the still Minister of Labor, Yolanda Díaz. According to the most recent polls, Sumar could be the third political force in Spain after the elections, surpassing the far-right Vox, which seems to be losing support.

What analysts are wondering is whether, if they win, the conservatives will be able to govern alone or will they need the support of the extreme right. For this, the candidate Alberto Núñez Feijóo has insistently requested the useful vote of the Socialist militants disenchanted with the Government, and of Vox voters. If he does not succeed, analysts wonder if a coalition of the Socialists with Sumar and the Catalan and Basque separatists could revalidate the Government of Pedro Sánchez. There are only 72 hours left to find out.

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