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## The trip to no part of the Spanish socialists

### Increase their fracture with the society

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**USPA NEWS** - For years the Spanish Socialist Party began a trip to nowhere of uncertain consequences. It was during the transition between the historic leaders who had led the way to democracy in Spain, with the former Secretary General and former Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez at the head, and a new generation of leaders, who are accused of perverting the principles of Socialism, move away from society and seek only power for partisan interests.

The culminating point of this descent into the hell of the Spanish Socialist Party was the election of Pedro Sanchez as Secretary General. Protagonist of the "not is no" with which torpedoed the formation of a conservative Government in 2016, was ousted by his own party and subsequently re-elected in a primary in which the bases were consulted. If there is something to be acknowledged to Pedro Sanchez, it is his ability to convince the militants of his party that supported him.

The Catalan political crisis and the nervousness that gripped the socialists when new parties and extremist leftist ideas like Podemos (We Can) began to eat ground and approach dangerously in the polls on intention to vote, have been the breeding ground in which cooked the current socialist drift, which these days has had its most representative example in Parliament.

The murder of an eight-year-old boy at the hands of his father's couple in Almeria (Southern Spain) mobilized the Spaniards, who demand greater harshness in terms of serious crimes. Also to the victims of other similar crimes, parents of children murdered in Spain during the last 20 years. Families that receive as an insult the announcements of derogation of the laws that harden penalties, by the Socialist Party, Podemos and other parties of the left.

It was precisely during the parliamentary debate on the repeal of the revisable permanent prison, approved by the conservative Government of Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, when the socialist spokesman shed harsh criticism against the families of the victims, whom he accused of being manipulated by the Government, ridiculing their pain and dismissing them as ignorant. The intervention of the socialist spokesman provoked the unanimous criticism of other political parties, relatives of the victims, citizen associations and professional groups related to Justice, which underscored the lack of sensitivity of the socialist spokesperson.

Parliamentary intervention has widened the gap between the Socialist Party and Spanish society. The support of the Socialists for the repeal of the revisable permanent prison provoked a wave of demonstrations against throughout the country. And prominent socialist leaders of the old times have had to apologize to the victims of violence. The former minister and former head of European foreign policy, Javier Solana, said on Friday he felt ashamed of his party and did not recognize they as socialists.

Several experts agree that the socialist drift is a consequence of the personal efforts of the Secretary General, Pedro Sanchez, for being the Prime Minister. The paradox is that, with interventions such as that of the parliamentary spokesman and with the swings of the party in its support for the Catalan secession, many socialist voters can transfer their support to Podemos, making it easier for the anti-system party to become the interlocutor of the Government and in the rival of the conservative Popular Party. The next two years, until the next legislative elections, will decide the future of Spain.

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