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## **Rajoy resists the attacks of the tripartite opposition, highlights newspapers**

### **The Press give as winner Pablo Iglesias**

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**USPA NEWS** - Spanish press is unanimous morning after the televised debate between the leaders of the four main parties presented to the legislative elections on 26 with two winners: the acting president of the Spanish Government, Mariano Rajoy, and the leader of the communist-populist coalition United we Can.

"Rajoy resists while Sanchez took advantage of his big chance," said a front-page newspaper El Mundo, which explains how the debate was reduced to a confrontation between right and left, with Rajoy and Iglesias as protagonists. He emphasizes that the acting president of the Spanish Government was safer, professorial and quiet, except when corruption took the debate. Faced with Rajoy, the leader of United we Can, Pablo Iglesias, appeared as the left alternative, paternal with the secretary general of the Socialist Party, Pedro Sanchez, whom he relegated to the background.

"Sanchez, Rivera and Iglesias give away the debate to Rajoy" is the headline of the daily ABC. In his editorial, entitled "Rajoy takes advantage of the debate," the conservative newspaper warns that "the repetition of messages and topics gestures during the debate, practically the same of December 20, 2015, will have contributed not just to increase voting abstainers or decant the undecided voters." Later, the newspaper states that "Rajoy showed that knows how to be the common goal of their adversaries" and believes that "was superior in clarity of ideas, management of numbers and defense of proposals."

Meanwhile, El Pais newspaper cover story titled "Corruption, job and cuts focus a debate without a winner." On the inside pages, columnist Jorge Galindo points out that "the debate has been a perfect reflection of frontism" existing in Spanish politics. And the economic newspaper Expansion believes that "remains to be seen whether the debate will have an impact on the remainder of the campaign to attract 30% of undecided voters." To this day, "Pablo Iglesias now has tailwind" and, according to Expansion, "it is an upward trend that could blow up with outbursts or showing overly aggressive."

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