

NATIONALISM IN THE CONTEXT OF POLITICS OF CHANGE IN SPAIN

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Abstract

Purpose – to discuss and disclose the role of nationalism in Spanish politics of change.

Design/methodology/approach – The main research objective and tasks have influenced the selection of qualitative methods, firstly explaining the sociocultural situation in Spain, as well as historical context. Theoretical background of nationalism and comparative approach is used to discover and explain certain types of nationalism in Spanish politics of change.

Finding – Podemos party as a representative of politics of change, clearly expresses the intention to cherish country’s multicultural and multilingual reality in the socio-political situation after the 15-M. “Spain is a nation of nations” – a phrase, that was made popular by the leader of Podemos, Pablo Iglesias. Analysis of the recent socio-political situation in Spain show that Podemos intended to agree with Socialists (PSOE party) to develop a plural national state, where each national region could develop their government under an equal and cooperative manner. However, the far-right party VOX brought a completely opposite nationalist approach, which bans the Catalan independence movement and any thoughts of cultural diversity. Therefore, nationalism is now starting to occupy a central position in Spanish politics of change.

Research limitations/implications – The study could be broadened in the future, taking into consideration more political parties of Spain and their approach towards nationalism.

Originality/Value – This article analyses the newest political issues in Spain through a unique approach to political changes in the country. The given research results can be a great addition to the future investigations on recent political changes in Spain.

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