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USPA NEWS - The Popular Party (PP) won the elections held on Sunday in 9 of the 13 Spanish regions where parliaments were renewed, although it will very difficult to govern in some of its flagship fiefdoms as Madrid, Valencia and Castilla-La Mancha.

The conservative PP won all their regional fiefdoms, except in Asturias and Extremadura and the Canary Islands. However, the faces of party leaders, at midnight on Sunday, showed satisfaction. The Conservatives lost their absolute majority in the regional parliaments and predictably lost the government in Madrid, Castilla-La Mancha and Valencia. In Madrid, the PP lost 25 seats and won only 47 of the 129 at stake. The Socialist Party (PSOE) won 38 seats, while the populist Podemos won 27 seats and Citizens (C's) got 17. A hypothetical alliance between PP and Citizens would not fulfill the conservatives a majority, while a pact between Socialists-Podemos and would rule the PSOE.

Something similar happens in Castilla-La Mancha and Valencia, while in other conservative strongholds as Cantabria, La Rioja and Aragon, the PP must agree if they want to govern. And the logical to the pact with the conservative candidate is C's. Although the PP won the regional elections, the loss of votes threatens to lose the government of regions and capitals that have traditionally been conservative. In view of these results, the secretary general of the PSOE, Pedro Sanchez, ventured to say that these elections have marked "the beginning of the end of Mariano Rajoy as Prime Minister".

The other important in the analysis of the results is the input data in the regional parliaments of the populist Podemos and Citizens Social Party. These two formations have taken seats in historical formations of Spanish politics as the United Left (IU in its Spanish acronym), Communist ideology, and UpyD, split the PP and it disappears from the first regional political line.

The Popular Party also won in the autonomous cities of Ceuta and Melilla, both in the North African coast. No elections were held in the regions of Andalusia, where last February were held; in Catalonia, where they are called for the next 27 September; in Galicia and the Basque Country, where he plays no elections. Participation in regional elections held on Sunday was 64.66%, two points less than that recorded in the 2011 elections.

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