



## Political Opinion Barometer

**39** 3st wave 2016



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# Technical specifications

Press report, Public Opinion Barometer (BOP). 3<sup>rd</sup> wave 2016

## Summary

Level of confidence:	95%
Variance:	p=q=50%
Sample size:	1,500 individuals
Sampling error:	± 2.53

**Scope:** Catalonia

**Univers:** Spanish citizens of 18 years of age and more who live in Catalonia

**Method of data collection:**

Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI)

**Sampling procedure:**

Stratification by province and town size, with selection of last sample units (individuals) using sex, age and place of birth crossed quotas.

Town size is divided into 6 categories:

- less or equal to 2,000 inhabitants
- from 2,001 and 10,000 inhabitants
- from 10,001 and 50,000 inhabitants
- from 50,001 and 150,000 inhabitants
- from 150,001 and 1,000,000 inhabitants
- more than 1 million inhabitants

To calculate the quotas we use the official statistics from the *Padró continu de població* from the year 2014. The age quotas correspond to the following intervals:

- 18 to 24 years of age
- 25 to 34 years of age
- 35 to 49 years of age
- 50 to 64 years of age
- 65 and more years of age

**Sample size:**

**1,500 interviews** with the following territorial distribution:

- Barcelona 1.118
- Girona 140
- Lleida 85
- Tarragona 157

**Allocation:****Proportional****Sampling error:**

The overall margin of error of the survey is **± 2.53**, for a confidence level of 95% (1.96 sigma) and under the assumption of maximum indetermination ( $p=q=50\%$ ). In each province the margins of error are:

- Barcelona ± 2.93
- Girona ± 8.28
- Lleida ± 10.63
- Tarragona ± 7.82

**Fieldwork:**

The fieldwork has been performed by Institut Opinòmetre SL, from the 17<sup>th</sup> of October to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2016.

### Methodological note:

1. Some trend figures presented in this abstract refer to a telephone survey (CATI) performed in December 2015, the Survey about the Catalan political situation, 2015.

2. Given that we have only drawn a sample from the population (those over 17 years of age, living in Catalonia and with Spanish citizenship), all results are subject to a sampling error, meaning that not all the differences in the same questions with respect to other waves of the Barometer are statistically significant.

For instance, in a survey question where the 50% (the worst case scenario in terms of the margin of error) gives a particular response, the “true” value in the population would fall into the range of  $\pm 2.53$  of the results in the sample. This is, if we were to repeat many times the same survey with the same characteristics we would get the “true” value right 95% of the times if we say it falls in between 47.47% and 52.53% .

The subsamples in two-way tables are subject to an even larger margin of error. Therefore, the conclusions that could be drawn have to be taken with caution.

3. When presenting results of questions 37 and 38 we have grouped the different political parties or coalitions from the point of view of the parliamentary groups appeared after the 27th of September elections to the Catalan Parliament. The results of this grouping are:

Junts pel Sí = CDC + ERC + Junts pel Sí + Democràcia i Llibertat

Catalunya sí que es pot = ICV-EUiA + Podemos + Barcelona en comú + Catalunya sí que es pot

4. In questions 39 and 40 we have done the same with respect to the elections to the Congreso de los Diputados held in June 2016. The grouping has been the following:

Convergència Democràtica de Catalunya = CDC + Democràcia i Llibertat

En comú Podem = ICV-EUiA + Podemos + Catalunya sí que es pot + Barcelona En Comú + En Comú Podem

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## Main results

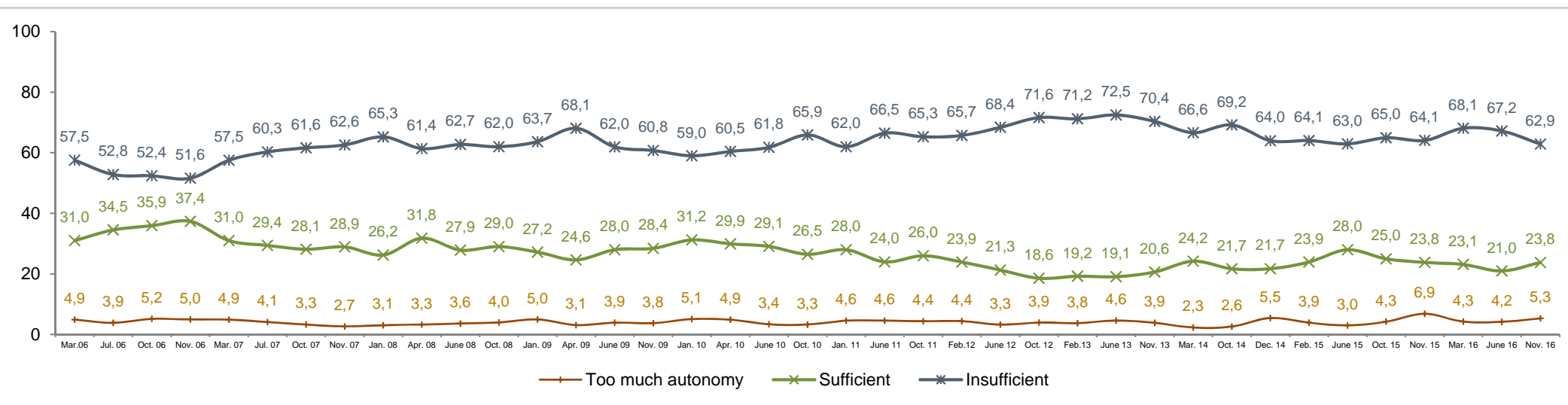
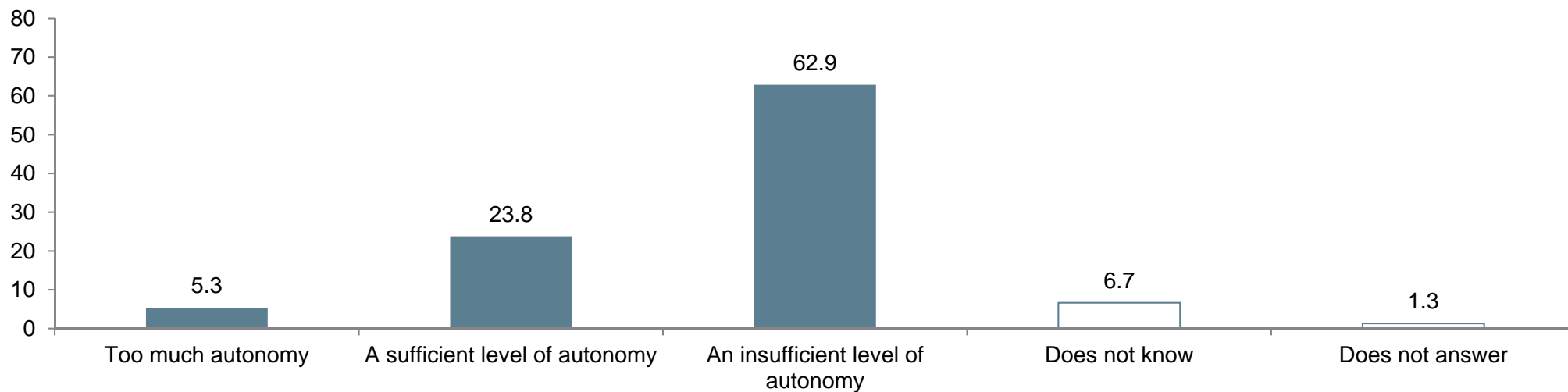
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## Relations between Catalonia and Spain

### Question 29

### Do you think that Catalonia has achieved...

(N=1,500; simple response; %)

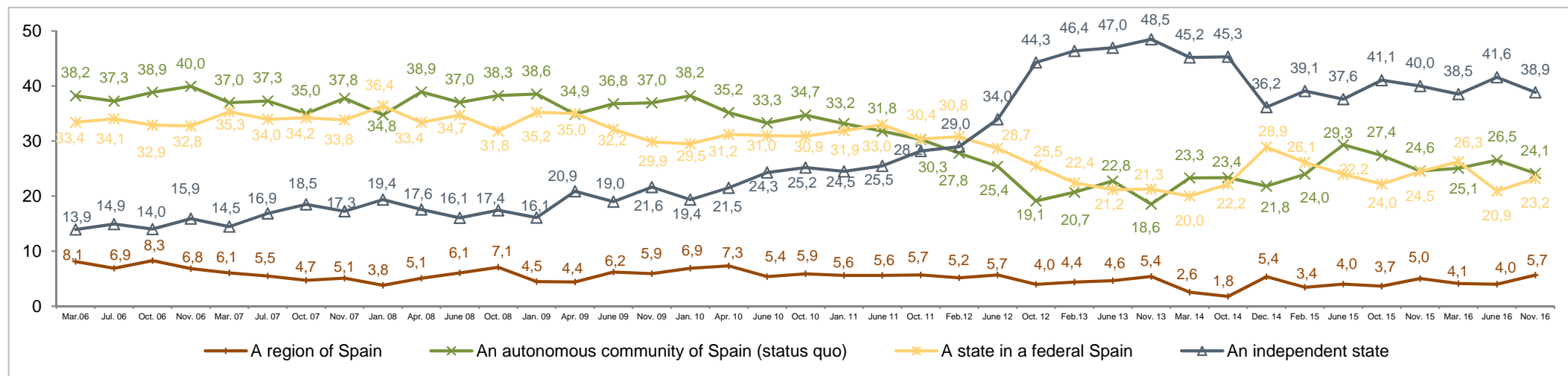
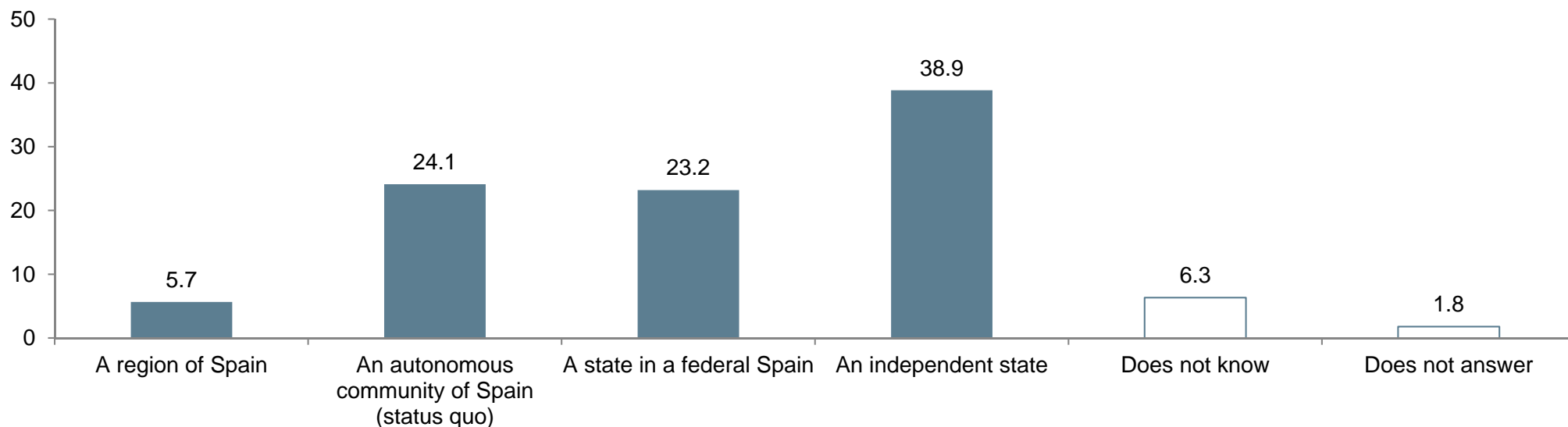




Question 30

Do you believe that Catalonia should be...

(N=1,500; simple response; %)



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Catalonia-Spain relationship by vote intention to the Catalan Parliament



		Junts pel Sí	C's Ciutadans	PSC	CATALUNYA SÍ QUE ES POT	PP CATALA	cup
A region of Spain	<b>5.7</b>	0.2	18.1	11.0	3.1	16.7	0.0
An Autonomous Community of Spain	<b>24.1</b>	2.4	<b>54.2</b>	<b>40.3</b>	22.7	<b>58.3</b>	0.0
A State within a federal Spain	<b>23.2</b>	9.7	21.7	36.4	<b>45.4</b>	18.3	13.4
An independent State	<b>38.9</b>	<b>85.9</b>	1.2	8.4	19.2	1.7	<b>82.1</b>
Does not know	<b>6.3</b>	1.5	4.8	3.9	8.7	5.0	1.5
Does not answer	<b>1.8</b>	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	3.0

Base real

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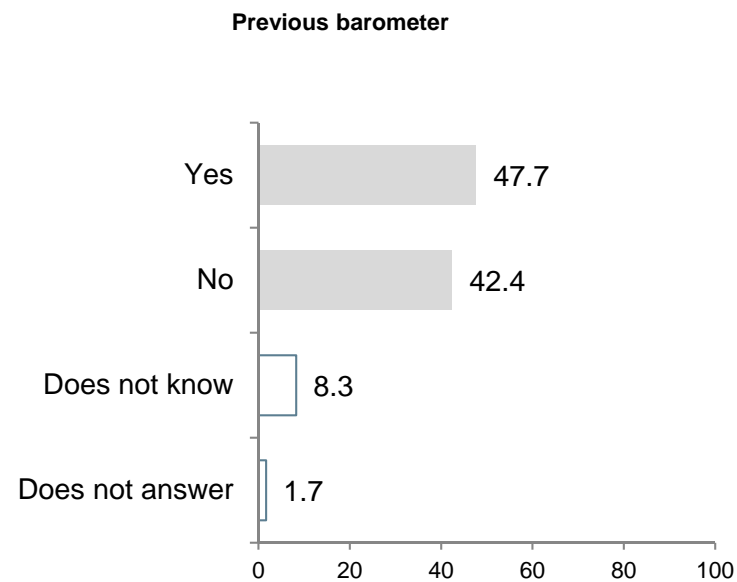
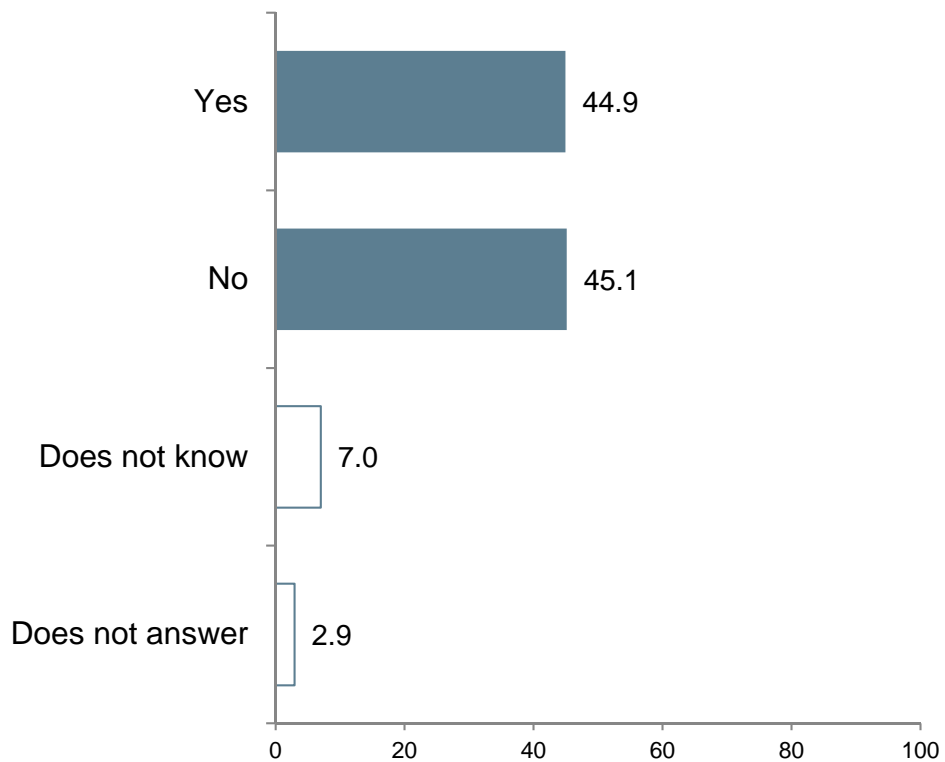
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(\*) Non-significant results

**Question 31**

**And more precisely, do you want Catalonia to become an independent State?**

(N=1,500; simple response; %)



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(N=1,500; simple response; %)

		Vote intention to the Catalan Parliament					
Yes	<b>44.9</b>	<b>92.7</b>	6.0	14.9	27.9	5.0	<b>89.6</b>
No	<b>45.1</b>	4.6	<b>92.8</b>	<b>80.5</b>	<b>59.8</b>	<b>90.0</b>	4.5
Do not know	<b>7.0</b>	2.2	1.2	4.5	10.0	5.0	4.5
Do not answer	<b>2.9</b>	0.4	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0	1.5

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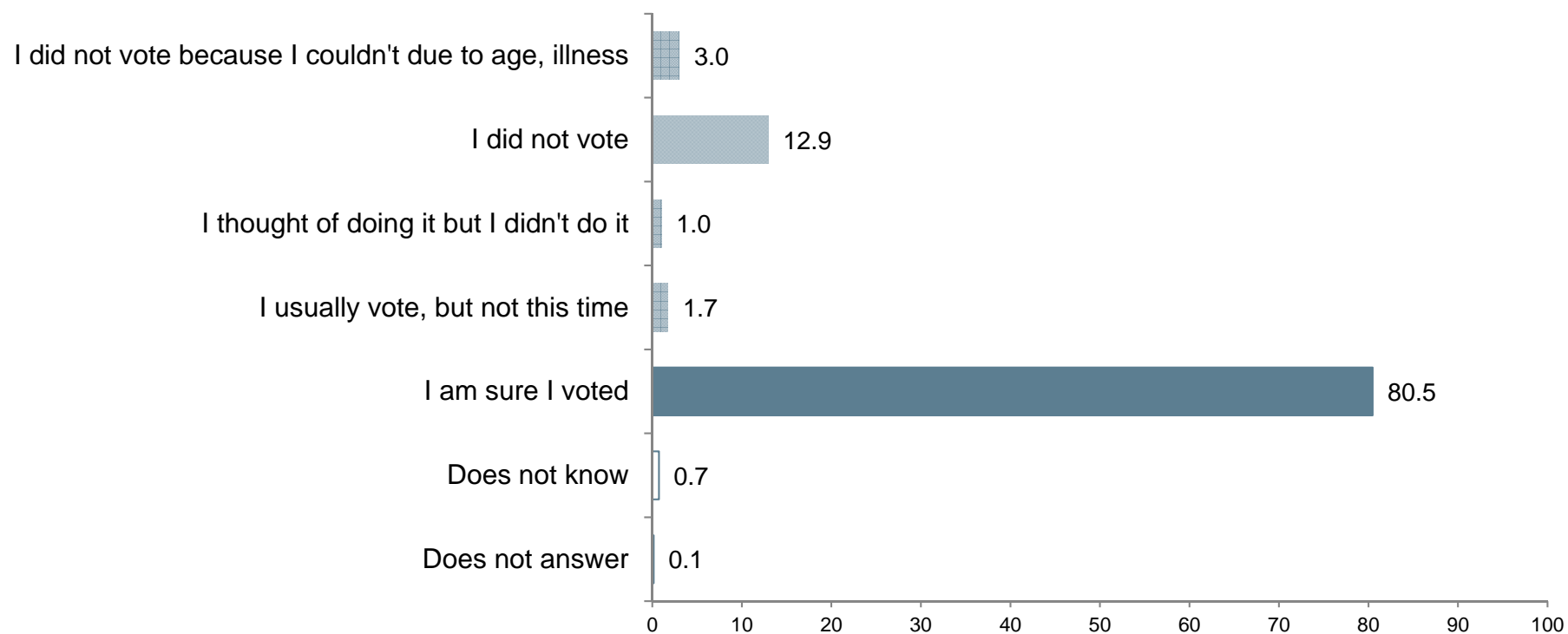
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## Elections to the Catalan Parliament: vote recall

### Question 38a

Which of the following sentences better describes your situation in the past elections of September the 27<sup>th</sup> to the Catalan Parliament?

(N=1,500; simple response; %;)

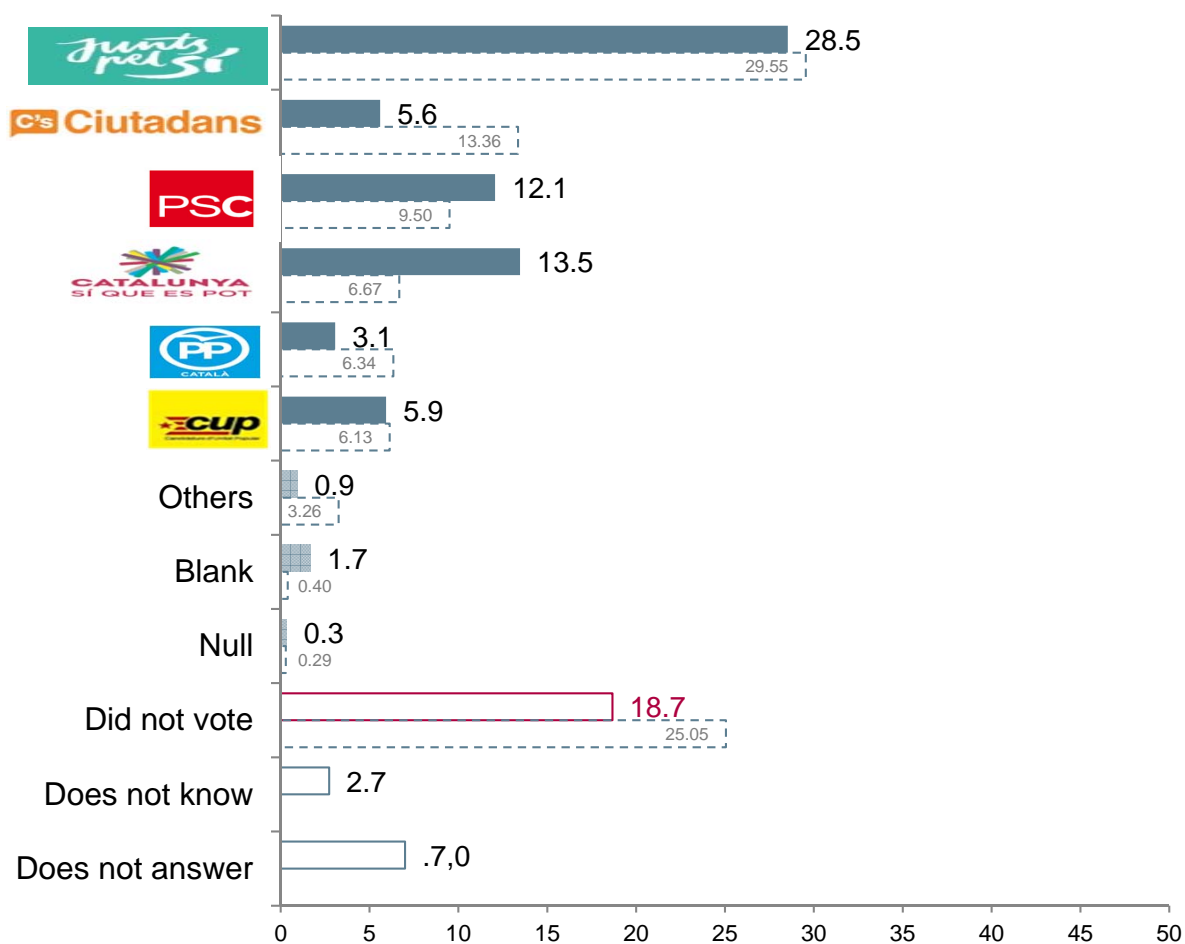


## Elections to the Catalan Parliament: vote recall

### Question 38b

Could you tell me what party or coalition did you vote for in the past elections of September the 27<sup>th</sup> to the Catalan Parliament?

(N=1,500; simple response; %;)



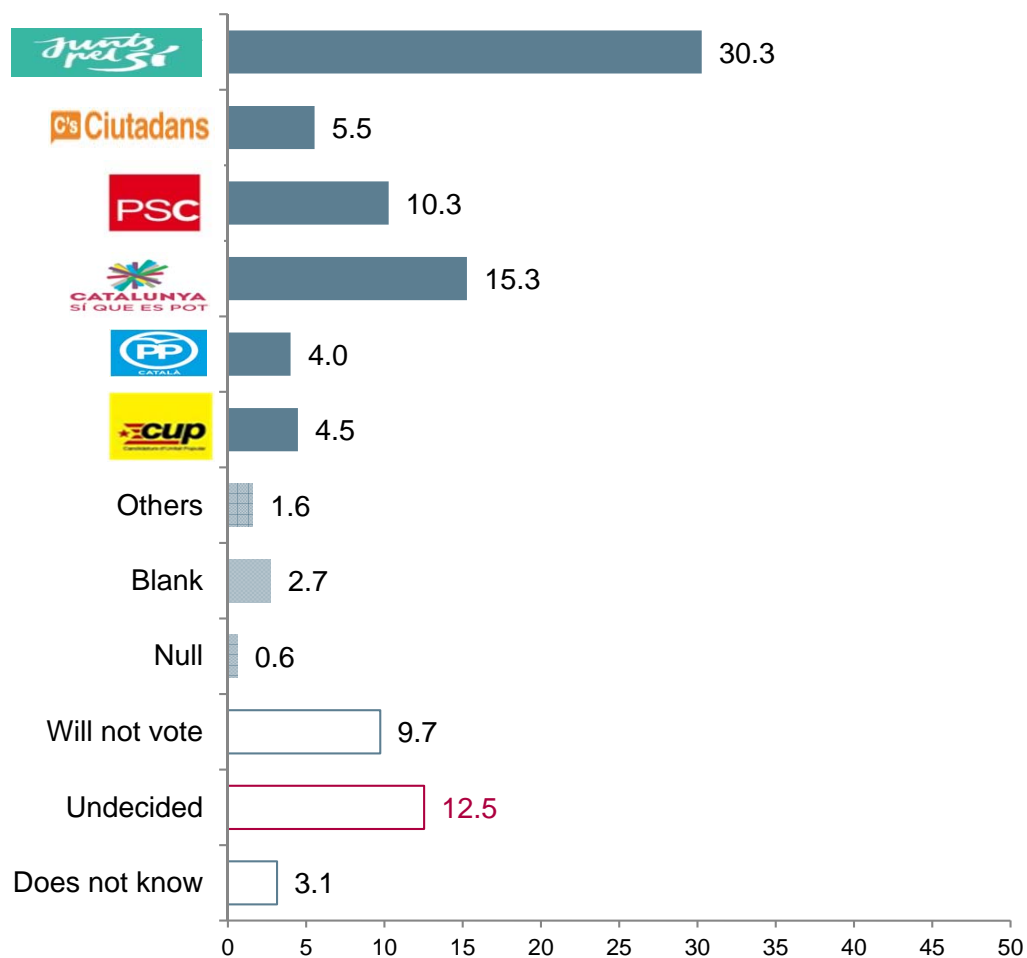
----- Electoral results 2015 (% over census CERA included)

## Elections to the Catalan Parliament: vote intention

### Question 37

If elections to the Catalan Parliament were to be held tomorrow, what party or coalition would you vote for?

(N=1,500; simple response; %;)

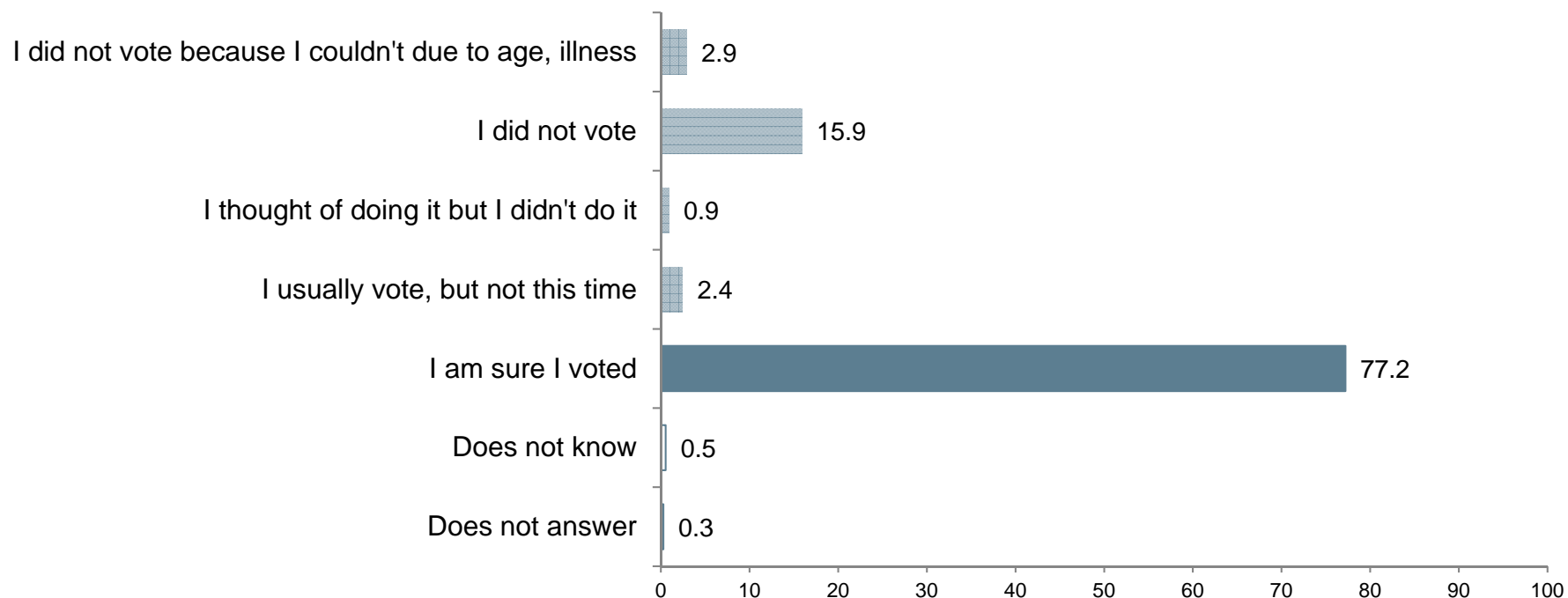


## Elections to the Congreso de los Diputados: vote recall

### Question 40a

Which of the following sentences better describes your situation in the last elections to the Congreso de los Diputados held in June the 26<sup>th</sup> ?

(N=1,500; simple response; %;)



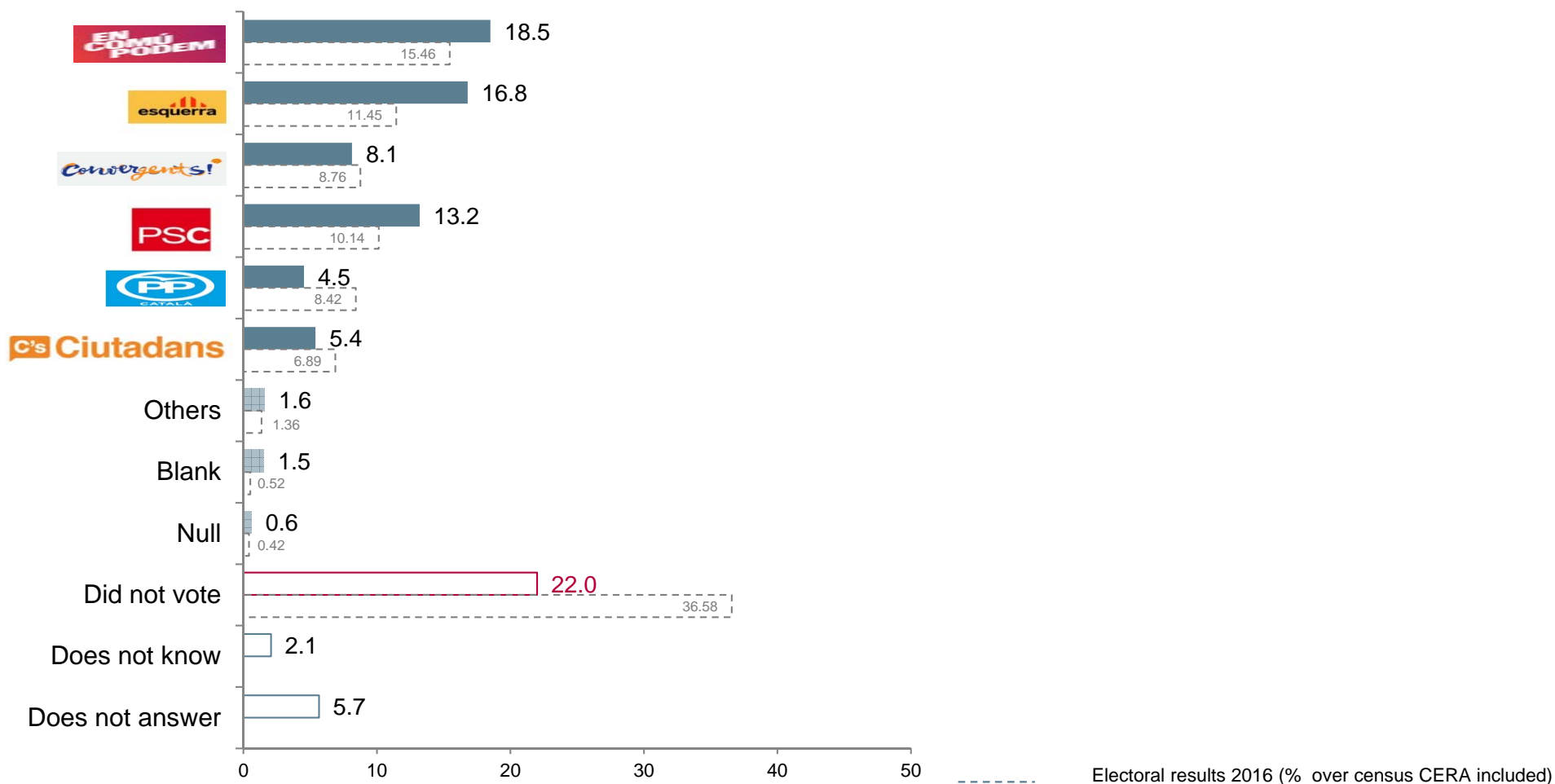


## Elections to the Congreso de los Diputados: vote recall

### Question 40

Could you tell me what party or coalition did you vote for in the last elections to the Congreso de los Diputados held in June the 26<sup>th</sup> ?

(N=1,500; simple response; %;)

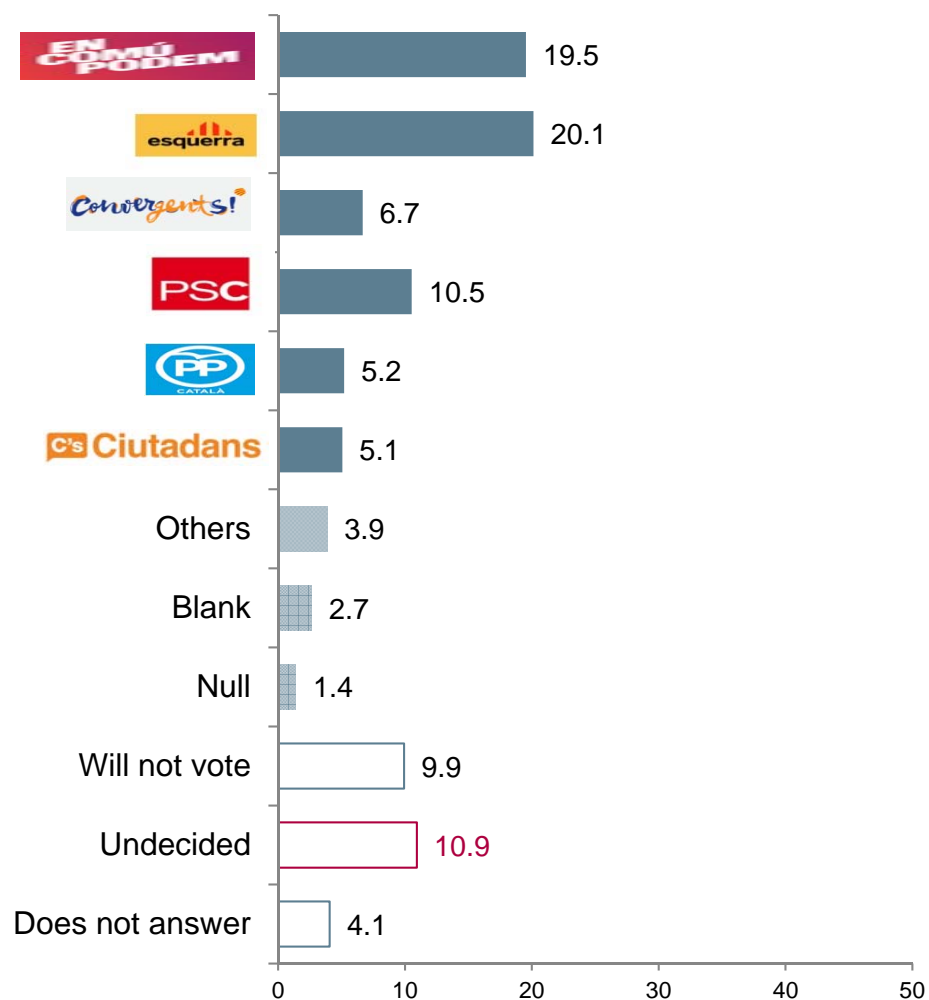


## Elections to the Congreso de los Diputados: vote intention

### Question 39

If elections to the Congreso de los Diputados were to be held tomorrow, what party or coalition would you vote for?

(N=1,500; simple response; %;)



## Cross-tabulation of vote recall and vote intention to the elections of the Parliament of Catalonia.

		Vote recall to the Catalan Parliament 2015									
								Rest (*)	Did not vote	Dk/Na	Total
Vote intention to the Catalan Parliament		<b>86.7</b>	0.0	3.3	6.4	4.3	21.3	0.0	11.4	7.5	<b>30.3</b>
		0.0	<b>70.2</b>	1.7	0.0	4.3	0.0	2.3	5.4	2.1	<b>5.5</b>
		0.5	1.2	<b>66.9</b>	0.5	4.3	0.0	0.0	7.1	4.8	<b>10.3</b>
		1.6	2.4	6.6	<b>80.7</b>	2.2	7.9	4.5	12.1	0.7	<b>15.3</b>
		0.5	3.6	0.6	0.0	<b>76.1</b>	0.0	0.0	5.4	2.7	<b>4.0</b>
		0.9	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	<b>57.3</b>	0.0	2.1	2.1	<b>4.5</b>
	Rest (*)	1.6	2.4	3.9	1.0	0.0	0.0	<b>59.1</b>	5.7	8.9	<b>4.9</b>
	Will not vote	0.7	4.8	2.2	3.0	4.3	4.5	13.6	<b>37.5</b>	8.2	<b>9.7</b>
Dk/Na	7.5	15.5	14.9	6.9	4.3	9.0	20.5	13.2	<b>63.0</b>	<b>15.6</b>	
<b>Total</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Real base	428	84	181	202	46	89	44	280	146	1500	
(*) Others+null+blank											



<b>Elections to the Catalan Parliament</b>					
<b>BOP-3<sup>rd</sup> wave 2016</b>					
	Direct vote intention	Vote estimate	Sits estimate	Results 2015	
	(in %)	(in % over valid vote)		%VV	sits
Junts pel Sí	30.3	<b>37.4</b>	60-62	39.59	62
C's	5.5	<b>15.7</b>	20-21	17.90	25
PSC	10.3	<b>11.7</b>	14-15	12.72	16
CSQP	15.3	<b>15.4</b>	19-20	8.94	11
PP	4.0	<b>10.0</b>	13-14	8.49	11
CUP	4.5	<b>5.2</b>	6-8	8.21	10
Others	1.5	<b>3.9</b>	---	3.63	---
Blank vote	2.7	<b>0.7</b>	---	0.53	---
Null vote	0.6	Part. 70%			
Abstention ("will not vote"+"cannot vote")	9.7				
Undecided	12.5				
Does not answer	3.1				

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	Direct vote intention	Vote estimate	Sits estimate	Results 2016	
	(in %)	(in % over valid vote)		%VV	sits
En Comú Podem	19.5	<b>24.9</b>	12-13	24.53	12
ERC	20.1	<b>20.9</b>	12-13	18.18	9
CDC	6.7	<b>12.6</b>	6-8	13.90	8
PSC	10.5	<b>14.0</b>	6-7	16.10	7
PP	5.2	<b>12.9</b>	6	13.36	6
Cs	5.1	<b>11.4</b>	3-5	10.94	5
Others	3.9	<b>2.5</b>	---	2.16	---
Blank vote	2.7	<b>0.8</b>	---	0.83	---
Null vote	1.4				
Abstention ("will not vote"+"cannot vote")	9.9				
Undecided	10.9				
Does not answer	4.1				
			Part. 64%		