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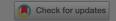
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of radical politics in places such as Catalonia, as well as more generally from defenders

of citizen politics or the original protest orientation of the party. For some currents of the left, Podemos has become too electorally oriented. Other critics point to a failure to reconcile left-wing objectives with the desire to capitalize on initial transversal appeal, extending beyond the traditional support base of the radical left. None the less, with Spain in a period of political stasis, there are still opportunities for Podemos to play a more influential role in the future, if it can address the challenges it faces without suffering schisms in the process.

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Notes

1. The idea of a sorpasso, referring to an 'overtaking' of a rival party, became widely used in the European political lexicon during the 1970s, with speculation that the Italian



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