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Glossary of Spanish Words

<i>abertzale</i>	left-leaning Basque nationalist
<i>administración</i>	provincial administration, prior to establishment of Autonomous Communities
<i>periférica</i>	Francoist in favour of 'opening up' the regime to reform (hence <i>aperturismo</i>)
<i>aperturista</i>	
<i>ayuntamiento</i>	town council/town hall
<i>beautiful, los</i>	'beautiful people', an interconnected group of wealthy individuals, mostly associated with the Socialist Party in office, who became the focus of media attention in the late 1980s
<i>búnker</i>	Francoist members of the extreme right, mainly within the military, wholly opposed to reform
<i>cacique</i>	local political boss
<i>caciquismo</i>	the practice of political clientelism, especially electoral fixing
<i>caja de ahorros</i>	savings bank
<i>cesantes, los</i>	suspended civil servants in the era of political appointments to the public administration
<i>Comunidades</i>	Autonomous Communities, Spain's seventeen regional governments
<i>Autónomas</i>	
<i>Congreso de los</i>	Congress of Deputies (parliamentary lower house)
<i>Diputados</i>	
<i>consignas</i>	instructions or orders
<i>Cortes [Generales]</i>	Spanish parliament
<i>Cortes Constituyentes</i>	constituent assembly
<i>cuerpos</i>	specialised corps within the public administration
<i>cultura del pelotazo</i>	'sleaze culture', a term used to describe the political atmosphere of the scandal-ridden 1990s [from the term ' <i>cogerse un pelotazo</i> ', meaning to get drunk or high, and intended to convey a get-rich-quick attitude, high-living and corruption]

<i>Defensor del Pueblo</i>	Ombudsman
<i>desencanto</i>	disenchantment, disillusion – a term used in the press to describe attitudes to the political system in the late 1970s and early 1980s
<i>desgobierno</i>	lack of government
<i>Diputación</i>	Council
<i>estado de derecho</i>	state of law, in the sense of the state being legally established and accountable
<i>etarra/s</i>	members of the Basque separatist organisation, E.T.A.
<i>Euskera</i>	the Basque language
<i>felipistas</i>	supporters of Felipe González, first elected prime minister of Spain in October 1982
<i>fontaneros</i>	plumbers, a term used to describe Adolfo Suárez's inner circle of advisers
<i>fueros</i>	ancient code of laws in Basque Country and Navarra
<i>Galega</i>	the Galician language
<i>Generalitat</i>	the Catalan regional parliamentary assembly
<i>golpe</i>	military coup
<i>golpismo</i>	the practice of plotting coups against the government
<i>guerristas</i>	supporters of Alfonso Guerra, deputy prime minister in the Socialist administrations, 1982-91
<i>Hispanidad</i>	the essence of Spanish identity (literally, 'Spanishness')
<i>la lucha</i>	'the struggle', in the sense of Communist opposition to Franco regime
<i>maketos</i>	a Basque term of abuse to denote Spaniards
<i>movida, la</i>	Madrid nightlife in the 1980s, associated with the city's post-Franco renaissance
<i>Movimiento</i>	the Franco regime's institutional framework
<i>oposiciones</i>	competitive examinations for public sector posts
<i>patria</i>	fatherland
<i>patria chica</i>	home town or local area
<i>pistoleroismo</i>	gun-law
<i>pluriempleo</i>	the practice of holding down several jobs at one time
<i>poderes fácticos</i>	centres of power with major political influence, such as the army, banks, Catholic Church, etc.
<i>ponencia</i>	a report, or the committee which draws it up

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<i>procurador/es</i>	a member of the Francoist <i>Cortes</i>
<i>pronunciamiento</i>	military insurrection
<i>Renaixença</i>	Catalan cultural renaissance in the late nineteenth century
<i>renovadores</i>	members of the Socialist Party in the late 1980s and early 1990s in favour of market-led policies
<i>revistas de corazón</i>	glossy society magazines, such as <i>¡Hola!</i>
<i>Rexurdimento</i>	Galician cultural renaissance, similar to <i>Renaixença</i>
<i>sector crítico</i>	leftist opponents of the Socialist Party's abandonment of Marxism
<i>Senado</i>	Senate, the upper house in the <i>Cortes Generales</i>
<i>Tejerazo</i>	the attempted coup of 23 February 1981 led by Lieutenant-Colonel Antonio Tejero
<i>tertulia</i>	a gathering of friends to discuss issues of mutual interest
<i>una, grande y libre</i>	'one, great and free', a shibboleth of the Franco regime to describe the Spanish state
<i>Xunta</i>	the Galician regional parliamentary assembly

List of Abbreviations

AEB	<i>Asociación Española de Banca Privada</i> (Spanish Banking Association)
AES	<i>Acuerdo Económico y Social</i> (Economic and Social Agreement) – tripartite pact between government, employers and unions
AGM	<i>Academia General Militar</i> (General Military Academy)
AMI	<i>Acuerdo Marco Interconfederal</i> – agreement between employers and unions on framework for collective bargaining
AP	<i>Alianza Popular</i> (Popular Alliance)
ARE	<i>Assemblée des Régions Européennes</i> (Assembly of European Regions)
BNG	<i>Bloque Nacionalista Galego</i> (Galician Nationalist Bloc) – established in 1986 following split in CG
CAP	Common Agricultural Policy
CC.AA.	<i>Comunidades Autónomas</i> (Autonomous Communities) – Spain's 17 regional governments
CC.OO.	<i>Comisiones Obreras</i> (Workers' Commissions) – trade union federation with historic links to Communist Party
CDC	<i>Convergència Democràtica de Catalunya</i> – component part of the CiU
CDS	<i>Centro Democrático y Social</i> (Social and Democratic Centre Party) – founded by Adolfo Suárez in 1982
CEIM	<i>Confederación Empresarial Independiente de Madrid</i> (Madrid-based employers' group, affiliated to CEOE)
CEM	Council of European Municipalities
CEOE	<i>Confederación Española de Organizaciones Empresariales</i> (Spanish employers' organisation)
CEPYME	<i>Confederación Española de la Pequeña y Mediana Empresa</i> (Spanish employers' organisation of small and medium-sized firms)

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CES	<i>Consejo Económico y Social</i> (Social and Economic Council) – a non-governmental agency established in the early 1990s
CFSP	Common Foreign and Security Policy
CG	<i>Coalición Galega</i> – Galician nationalist party
CGPJ	<i>Consejo General del Poder Judicial</i> (General Council of the Judiciary)
GiU	<i>Convergència i Unió</i> (Convergence and Union) – right-leaning Catalan nationalist party
CNC	<i>Confederación Nacional de la Construcción</i> – construction industry employers' organisation, affiliated to CEOE
CNT	<i>Confederación Nacional del Trabajo</i> (National Workers' Alliance) – historic anarchist organisation
CONFEMETAL	<i>Confederación de Organizaciones Empresariales de Metal</i> – metal industry employers' organisation, affiliated to CEOE
COPE	<i>Cadena de Ondas Populares Españolas</i> – radio station owned by the Catholic Church
CSCE	Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe
CSIF	<i>Confederación de Sindicatos Independientes de Funcionarios</i> (independent union for government employees)
DGPE	<i>Dirección General del Patrimonio de Estado</i> – state holding company
EA	<i>Eusko Ta Alkartasuna</i> – Basque nationalist party formed in 1986 as breakaway from PNV
EAGGF	European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund
EC	European Community
ECB	European Central Bank
EDF	European Development Fund
EE	<i>Euzkadiko Ezkerra</i> (Basque Left) – Basque nationalist party, absorbed by PSE-PSOE in 1993
EEC	European Economic Community
EFA	European Fighter Aircraft
ELA–STV	<i>Eusko Langileen Alkartasuna–Solidaridad de Trabajadores Vascos</i> – left-leaning Basque union federation
EMS	European Monetary System
EMU	Economic and Monetary Union
ERC	<i>Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya</i> (Catalan Republican Left) – radical nationalist party, founded in 1931
ERDF	European Regional Development Fund
ERM	Exchange Rate Mechanism

ESCB	European System of Central Banks
ESF	European Social Fund
ETA	<i>Euskadi Ta Askatasuna</i> (Basque Homeland and Liberty) – radical nationalist separatist organisation
EU	European Union
FII	<i>Fuerzas de Intervención Inmediata</i> – armoured mobile units
FLN	<i>Front de Libération Nationale</i> (National Liberation Front) [Algeria]
FLP	<i>Frente de Liberación Popular</i> (Peoples' Liberation Front) – anti-Franco opposition group
FTN	<i>Fomento del Trabajo Nacional</i> – Catalan-based employers' group, affiliated to CEOE
GAL	<i>Grupos Antiterroristas de Liberación</i> (Anti-terrorist liberation groups) – engaged in 'dirty war' with ETA between 1983 and 1987
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GDR	German Democratic Republic
GIL	<i>Grupo Independiente Liberal</i> – political party established by Jesús Gil
GNP	Gross National Product
HB	<i>Herri Batasuna</i> – radical Basque nationalist party, seen as political wing of ETA
HOAC	<i>Hermanidad Obrera de Acción Católica</i> (Workers' Brotherhood of Catholic Action)
IFA	<i>Instituto de Fomento de Andalucía</i> – body established to promote the economic development of Andalucía
IGSAP	<i>Inspección General de Servicios de la Administración Pública</i> – non-governmental agency which evaluates public administration
INE	<i>Instituto Nacional de Estadísticas</i> (National Institute of Statistics)
INEM	<i>Instituto Nacional de Empleo</i> (National Employment Institute)
INH	<i>Instituto Nacional de Hidrocarburos</i> – state holding company
INI	<i>Instituto Nacional de Industria</i> – state holding company
INTG	<i>Intersindical Galega</i> – moderate Galician union federation
IU	<i>Izquierda Unida</i> (United Left)
JOC	<i>Juventud Obrera Católica</i> (Catholic Workers' Youth Movement)

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JUJEM	<i>Junta de Jefes de Estado Mayor</i> (Joint Chiefs of Staff)
LOAPA	<i>Ley Orgánica de Armonización del Proceso Autonómico</i> (Organic Law on the Harmonisation of the Autonomy Process)
LODE	<i>Ley Orgánica del Derecho a la Educación</i> (Organic Law on the Right to Education)
LOGSE	<i>Ley de Ordenación General del Sistema Educativo</i> (Law on the General Organisation of the Education System)
LOPJ	<i>Ley Orgánica del Poder Judicial</i> (Organic Law on the Judiciary)
MERCOSUR	Free Trade organisation involving Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay
META	<i>Plan de Modernización del Ejército de Tierra</i> (Plan to Modernise the Army)
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
ONUCA	United Nations Observation Group in Central America
ONUSAL	United Nations Observation Group in El Salvador
OPEC	Organisation of Petroleum-Exporting Countries
ORGA	<i>Organización Republicana Gallega Autónoma</i> – Galician political organisation in the 2nd Republic
OSI	Operational Services Inspection [<i>Inspección Operativa de Servicios</i> , IOS]
PAD	<i>Partido de Acción Democrática</i> – short-lived christian democratic party
PCE	<i>Partido Comunista de España</i> (Communist Party)
PDL	<i>Partido Democrático Liberal</i> – short-lived liberal party
PDP	<i>Partido Democrático Popular</i> – conservative christian democratic party set up in 1982
PNV	<i>Partido Nacionalista Vasco</i> (Basque Nationalist Party)
PP	<i>Partido Popular</i> (Popular Party)
PRD	<i>Partido Reformista Democrático</i> – short-lived centrist party set up by Miquel Roca in 1983
PSC-PSOE	<i>Partit del Socialistes de Catalunya</i> (Catalan branch of the PSOE)
PSE-PSOE	<i>Partido Socialista de Euskadi</i> (Basque branch of the PSOE)
PSOE	<i>Partido Socialista Obrero Español</i> (Socialist Party)

PSP	<i>Partido Socialista Popular</i> – small socialist group led by Enrique Tierno Galván
PSUC	<i>Partit Socialista Unificat de Catalunya</i> (Catalan Communist Party)
Pta	Peseta
RTVE	<i>Radio-Televisión Española</i> – state-owned television and radio network
SEA	Single European Act
SPP	<i>Sindicato</i> [formerly <i>Asociación</i>] <i>Profesional de Policía</i> – police trade union
TSJ	<i>Tribunal Superior de Justicia</i> (Higher Court of Justice) – regional court
UCD	<i>Unión de Centro Democrático</i> (Democratic Centre Union) – a right-wing coalition which governed Spain between 1977 and 1982
UDC	<i>Unió Democràtica de Catalunya</i> – component part of the CiU
UGT	<i>Unión General de Trabajadores</i> (General Workers' Union) – historically associated with the Socialist Party
UK	United Kingdom
USA	United States of America
USO	<i>Unión Sindical Obrera</i> – small scale trade union
USP	<i>Unión Sindical de Policías</i> – police trade union
VAT	Value-added tax [<i>Impuesto Sobre el Valor Añadido</i> , IVA]
WEU	Western European Union

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