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Spain's Socialists seen easily winning election, new opinion poll shows

Madrid.—Spain's Socialists would easily win a general election if a vote were held, taking 29.9 percent of the vote, according to an opinion poll released yesterday, the first since they took power in June.

The PSOE Socialists ousted 6-year Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy and his conservative People's Party following a no-confidence vote after dozens of officials were charged in a high profile corruption case.

Pedro Sanchez became prime minis-

ter with only 84 seats for his PSOE Party in the 350-member assembly thanks to support from the hard-left Podemos and smaller regional parties.

Sanchez has announced high-profile measures to cement his power and attract left-wing voters. These include appointing a cabinet with a majority of women to taking in the migrant ship *Aquarius* and proposing raising state pensions in line with inflation.

According to the poll by the Sociological Research Centre, and held between

1 July and 10 July, the People's Party fell to joint second place with the market-friendly Ciudadanos party, both polling 20.4 percent of the vote.

The poll did not take into account a swing by the People's Party to the right after Pablo Casado became party leader.

Casado won a clear victory in a ballot of People's Party members at the end of July with a call for party unity, a stronger Spain at the heart of Europe and tougher laws to stave off any moves towards independence by its regions.



Pedro Sanchez; new Prime Minister.