Spain's far right ascendant as Catalan crisis inspires Spain's far right

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**Madrid**: With its catchy cry of "Spain first," and an anti-immigrant and anti-immigration platform, the Vox party has made significant inroads into Spain's political landscape. Vox won 10 seats in the recent national elections, becoming the fourth-largest party in parliament with 52 of the 350 seats. It is led by Santiago Abascal, a former lawyer and former member of the Popular Party, the country's largest party. Vox's rise to prominence is largely due to the Catalonian crisis, which Abascal has exploited to gain support. The party's platform includes demands for greater autonomy for the Catalonian region, which has been seeking greater control over its own affairs. Vox has also called for the expulsion of unaccompanied immigrant children from the hardline fringe of the right-wing Popular Party, the largest party with 52 of the parliament's 350 seats. It is led by Pablo Casado, who has been in office since 2019. Abascal has been dubbed the "poster boy for the resurgent far right" by analysts. He has a trim beard and with a piercing stare, Abascal has continued to pull in the crowds with often inflammatory rhetoric, calling for a "nationalist" solution to the Catalan crisis. His ascension has been fuelled by growing frustration among voters with the government's handling of the crisis.

**Catalan crisis**: The crisis has been ongoing since 2017, when the Catalan government led by Carles Puigdemont declared independence from Spain and held a referendum on the issue, which was later deemed illegal by Spain's Constitutional Court. The Spanish government responded by stripping Puigdemont of his powers and calling for new elections in Catalonia. The crisis has been marked by protests, clashes, and a heavy police response. Abascal has been critical of the government's handling of the crisis, calling for a "nationalist" solution. He has also been critical of the government's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic, calling for a "nationalist" approach to the crisis.

**Election night**: Vox's ascension to fourth place in the national election was a significant milestone in the party's rise to prominence. It was a victory for Abascal, who has been in office since 2019. The party's rise to prominence is largely due to the Catalonian crisis, which Abascal has exploited to gain support. The party's platform includes demands for greater autonomy for the Catalonian region, which has been seeking greater control over its own affairs. Vox has also called for the expulsion of unaccompanied immigrant children from the hardline fringe of the right-wing Popular Party, the largest party with 52 of the parliament's 350 seats. It is led by Pablo Casado, who has been in office since 2019. Abascal has been dubbed the "poster boy for the resurgent far right" by analysts. He has a trim beard and with a piercing stare, Abascal has continued to pull in the crowds with often inflammatory rhetoric, calling for a "nationalist" solution to the Catalan crisis. His ascension has been fuelled by growing frustration among voters with the government's handling of the crisis.

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