



SOCIOLOGY

Political attachment breaks records in the last 10 years in the country

61.8% of Andorrans are very or fairly interested in political affairs

53.6% of nationals feel quite satisfied with the democratic functioning of the Principality

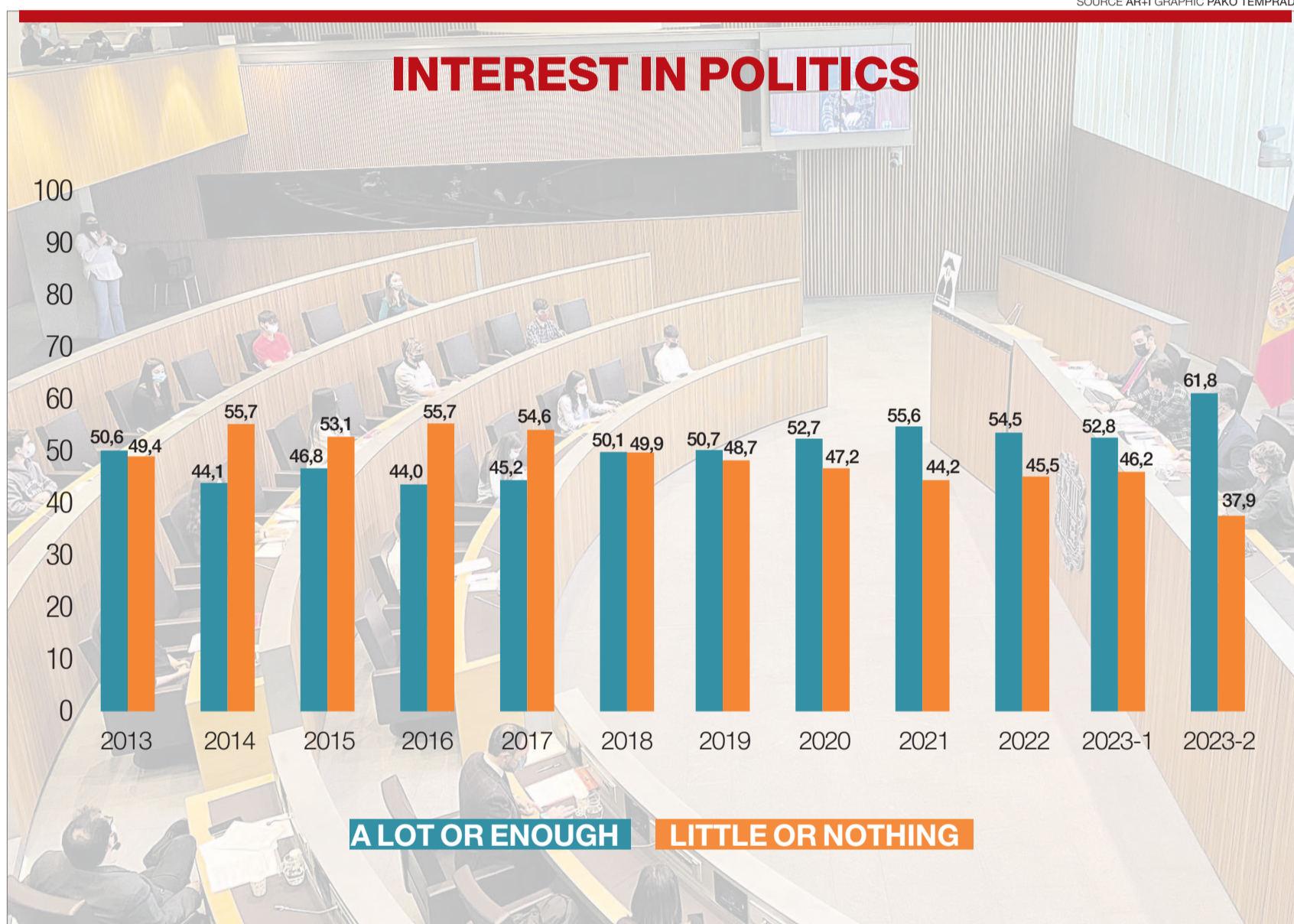
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The 2023 post-election survey of the Research and Innovation Area (AR+I), carried out after the last 2A general elections, shows the interest in politics that the citizens of the country with Andorran nationality have. The data shows that interest in political affairs is breaking records compared to the last 10 years. 61.8% of Andorran citizens show a lot or quite an interest in politics, in contrast to 37.9% who have little or no interest in this type of area. This data is seen as the highest in the last 10 years, surpassing the previous highest score collected, in 2021, where the segment of the population with Andorran nationality interested in politics was 55.6%. It should be mentioned that this notable growth due to interest in politics occurs in an election year, but if we compare the data for

Compared to the last election year, interest in politics has noticeably increased

this 2023 with those of the last year when there were elections, in 2019, the difference is also significant. In 2019, 50.7% of the population with Andorran nationality were interested in the country's political sphere, 11.1% less than the current figures.

It is necessary to mention the evolution of political affiliation in the last decade. In 2013, 50.6% of Andorrans had an interest in political affairs. In addition, from 2014 to 2017, there was a period of greater disaffection towards politics, being three years where the population is shown to be more disinterested in events of a political nature. The year with the most political disaffection was 2016, when 55.7% of nationals claimed to have little or no interest in Andorran politics.



Apart from this fact, it is not only that people with Andorran nationality are more interested, but also that they rate the democratic functioning of the country as very or fairly satisfactory. In this 2023, 53.6% of the Andorran population considers that they are very or quite satisfied with the functioning of democracy in Andorra, in contrast to 37.1% who are little or not at all satisfied and 8.1% who is indifferent. These figures are also considerably high considering the balance of the last seven years where this type of study has been carried out biannually. In 2020, coinciding with the Covid-19 pandemic, there was the highest record of satisfaction with Andor-

ran democracy, where 59.6% of Andorrans were very or fairly satisfied with the functioning of the national democracy. However, this last year a higher rating was achieved than in 2016, whe-

re 38.2% of Andorrans were very or fairly satisfied, in 2018, with 41.8%, in 2021, 50,9%, and last year, which concluded with 44.5% very or fairly satisfied.

In the case of Andorrans who

are little or not at all satisfied with democratic functioning, 37.1% of the sample surveyed by the AR+I, highlight as the main reason for their dissatisfaction the electoral system and the distribution of seats, with 22.4% of this segment of the population dissatisfied. Secondly, 14% of the population dissatisfied with the democratic functioning of Andorra points out that the Government responds to the particular interests of the rich and that it forgets about the rest of the country's citizens. And, thirdly, 10% of dissatisfied nationals allege that social rights such as, for example, housing, healthcare, working conditions or abortion are not respected. ≡

the figures

37.9% of Andorrans indicate that they have little or no interest in politics.

11.1% more nationals interested in politics than in the previous elections.

37.1% of Andorrans are little or not at all satisfied with democratic functioning.

22.4% point to the country's current electoral system as a reason for their dissatisfaction.

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CULTURE

'El bosc de l'Andy', the family route around the figure of the tamarro

The new initiative wants to offer a circuit to bring children closer to nature

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El bosc de l'Andy is the new family route prepared by the Municipality of Andorra la Vella and which revolves around the figure of the tamarisk tree, creating a story about its way of life and its work in the forest. It is an initiative that seeks to bring children closer to nature in a pleasant and funny way with an easy circuit integrated with the environment. The Minister of Natural Heritage, Gerard Menardia, explained that it is a circular route that starts at the end of the road in the Comella urbanization, and where you will find a first section that will lead to Andy. «From here we will discover the magical portal, which starts the new route of approximately one and a half kilometres, a route 100% through the forest and with approximately 100 meters of elevation gain», explained the councilor.

To be able to make the route accessible and safe for children, the collaboration of the Department



MIQUEL CANTURRI
MINOR CONSUL OF THE CAPITAL
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GERARD MENARDIA
COUNCILOR OF NATURAL HERITAGE

«The portal marks the beginning of the new route of one and a half kilometers, a route 100% through the forest and with 100 meters of elevation gain»

PERE MOLES
DESIGNER OF THE INITIATIVE

«We wanted to bring young people closer to the most precious thing we have, nature. And if we can do this through artistic creation, even better»



►► Presentation of the new route 'El bosc de l'Andy'.

of the Environment has been counted on, which has worked on the environment, always taking care that the impact on the flora and fauna is minimal. For this reason, within the route you will find different elements, all related to the story, with which material has been used so that it lasts over time, but which integrates with nature. Menardia emphasized the importance of being able to do this with recycled material from the forest.

In addition, to protect the animals, care has been taken to ensure that the facilities are not dangerous. For example, the birdhouses are not open, meaning that no animal can access the interior in order not to affect their habitat.

Two walkways have also been installed and some points have been secured by placing railings.

The figure of Andy, the Tamarro of Andorra la Vella, was created in 2020 by Andorra Tourism and Pere Moles, with the collaboration of all the municipalities. This year the corporation wanted to go a step further and develop a whole route that starts with this character who lives in the mountains and forests of the parish to take care of and protect them.

The minor consul of the capital, Miquel Canturri, emphasized that the route is an experience especially for the bunch, and affirmed that «Andorra la Vella is already in itself a parish where family tourism is what we promote and

the routes more affordable that we have».

For his part, the designer of the initiative, Pere Moles, pointed out that «it was an obligation to bring young people closer to the most precious thing we have, nature. If, in addition, we can do this through artistic creation, even better».

The route of El bosc de l'Andy starts from the figure of the tamarro, where a «door of the forest» has been installed. The circuit, which has a circular shape, has 1.6 kilometers and 100 meters of positive gradient, and is an easy route that can be completed in approximately one hour and 30 minutes, while Andy's story is being told and his task in the forest. ≡

EDUCATION

Positive reaction to the news of officializing Catalan in the EU

Parliamentary groups were in favor of promoting Catalan

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The parliamentary groups of Demòcrates per Andorra, Concòrdia and Socialdemòcrata agreed to react positively to the news announced on Wednesday by the

Spanish government to make the formal demand that Catalan, Basque and Galician be languages with full rights in the European Union. Faced with this news, the president of the parliamentary group of Demòcrats for Andorra, Jordi Jordana, expressed the idea that «promoting the use of Catalan is always positive». Of course, he wanted to point out that «this negotiation is carried out by

Spain, and therefore it is not an issue that directly affects Andorra». In this regard, he added that «this would be an issue for Andorra if an agreement were negotiated directly» although he pointed out that «at the moment it is not an issue that enters into the negotiation of the association agreement with the EU».

The president of the Concòrdia parliamentary group, Cerni Escalé,

expressed the fact that «giving greater recognition to Catalan in the international arena is always a good cause». And he wanted to insist that «in a country where Catalan is the official language, we must be exemplary, and therefore this measure is applauded».

On the other hand, the deputy president of the Social Democratic Parliamentary Group, Susanna Vela, said, for her part, that «it is excellent news for Andorra», and added «that we will be aware of how these negotiations evolve», in addition to congratulating them for this proposal.

In fact, the notification to the

General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, was made Thursday through a letter signed by the Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs, José Manuel Albares, to modify Regulation 1 that marks the language regime of the European bloc, so that these three languages are officialized, as reported by the Spanish media.

This request could be resolved at the meeting on September 19th when the next meeting of the Council will be called, which will be chaired by Pedro Sánchez, according to the ANA. ≡

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