

## Selected Articles: Catalonia's Referendum

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### [On Catalonia's Referendum](#)

By [Moon of Alabama](#), October 02, 2017

Polling stations were set up for today. But Spanish laws do not allow for such polls or a separation. Catalonia, like other Spanish regions, already has a good degree of autonomy. If Catalonia were to secede the Basque areas in the north would likely follow. Spain would fall apart. Under Spanish law the referendum is illegal. The central government sent police to prevent the procedure. Street melees ensued.



## **Catalan Voters Face Police State Violence**

By [Stephen Lendman](#), October 02, 2017

On Sunday, Catalans trying to vote in their independence referendum are being assaulted by thuggish police – smashing glass panels of polling stations, bursting in violently, forcibly removing ballot boxes and voters, attacking them with batons and rubber-coated steel bullets, women as violently as men, the elderly treated the same way.



## **Catalonia Independence: Five Things to Think About**

By [Tony Cartalucci](#), October 02, 2017

Catalonia has a formidable industrialized economy relative to other regions of Spain, with a GDP and population just exceeding those of nations like Scotland or Singapore, and likely could achieve and sustain independence from Spain.



## **Catalonia Dreaming?**

By [Guillem Vidal](#), September 30, 2017

According to the Catalan public polling body, only 15% of Catalans wanted an independent state when the economic crisis broke out in September 2008. Six years later, that number was up to 48%. Given the entire population of Catalonia (7.5m), this would mean that close to 2.5 million Catalans switched in favor of independence in over just six years. Why?



## **Catalonia: In the Face of Repression, We Defend Human Rights**

By [Lafede.cat](#), September 30, 2017

The repressive response of the Spanish State in order to prevent it, with judicial and police actions against democratically elected Catalan institutions, is a serious setback in terms of guaranteeing human rights and individual and collective freedoms in Catalonia, and a deterioration of democracy and the rule of law as a whole. These actions are unacceptable within the framework of democratic states.



## **Catalonia Referendum: Resisting the Spanish Government Siege**

By [Dick Nichols](#), September 25, 2017

At the time of writing (September 17), the Civil Guard claims to have confiscated 1.3 million posters from printeries in Catalonia, while municipal police has been engaged in low-intensity harassment of Yes campaign stalls. However, the main meetings of the referendum campaign, including the Yes case's 13,000-strong launch in the southern industrial city of Tarragona, have so far gone ahead without impediment.



### **[In Defence of Democratic Rights in Catalonia](#)**

By [José Luis Martínez](#), September 25, 2017

September 19, 2017: The Civil Guard took the voters' census for the referendum and the interrogation by the prosecution of more than 700 Catalan mayors who support the referendum starts. If they do not attend the interrogation, the persecutors office threatens them with jail.

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