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immigració per la independència

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Why do we want independence?

- Catalonia is one of the oldest nations of Europe.
- Despite being one of the principal motors of the Spanish State, our national reality has never been recognized nor respected.
- Our language faces constant humiliation from culturally irrelevant political arguments. In Catalonia, language is not a motive for conflict, but rather for integration and opportunity.
- We Catalans have attempted being part of the Spanish State in every way we have been permitted, and have come to the conclusion that it is not possible.

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But the world is moving towards globalization

- In a globalized world, a sense of national identity is not at odds with a sense of belonging to the rest of the world.
- National identities with their own personalities come together to form a globalized world without becoming uniform.
- Globalization offers equality of opportunity to everyone, and we Catalans have the capacity and level of commitment demanded by the global economy.
- We are a competitive society and have a clear part to play in this new economic and social model.
- The Spanish model of production offers no solution to the crisis. Catalonia, on the other hand, has the fundamental tools to generate the necessary wealth to overcome this crisis.

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Catalonia, a welcoming country

- Thanks to its key position in the Mediterranean, the Catalan society and culture were built in a peaceful way, based on the interchange of ideas, customs and people – the fruit of a long history of migrations and commercial transactions with other cultures and nations, in contrast to others built on the basis of conquests and armed conflicts.
- The cultural plurality of our society is a characteristic trait that enriches us and gives us pride as a people.

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Problems that we immigrants have in the Spanish State

- The immigration laws of the Spanish State are repressive.
- Internment centers for foreigners are run in conditions that are worse than prisons.
- There is no respect for the human rights of people seeking to improve their conditions of life.
- The treatment received by those who arrive at the Spanish coasts by boat is inhuman.

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What is true about threats and reprisals?

- We will all be founders of a new state in which we will all have the same opportunities and the same rights and responsibilities.
- We have chosen Catalonia as our home because it is one of the industrial motors of Europe and one of the places with the most opportunities for the future.
- We should not be discouraged from our commitment to actively participate in the process of independence for fear of suffering reprisals, because our right to petition independence is fully established in the Article 29 of the Spanish Constitution and other international laws.
- With independence, the advantages of the bilateral agreements our countries of origin have with the Spanish State will not be lost, because after the declaration of independence, a process of juridic continuity will be applied that will maintain those agreements with the succeeding state.

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WE DO THIS FOR THE FUTURE. WE DO THIS FOR OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

If we let ourselves be swayed by fear or lack of interest, our children will ask us why we did nothing when we had the opportunity to better their lives.

Their future is in our hands.

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