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Migration and Crisis: Official discourses, external citizenship and new forms of mobilization in the case of Spain

Spanish emigration has become the subject of intense debate in the national press, leading to a large number of academic studies and reports that have sought to characterize this new emigration in terms of labor and migration expectations. The attitude of the current government has oscillated between indifference and denial. Faced with the government's inaction, which can be referred to as a policy of 'disengagement', different profiles of emigrants, all of whom can be identified as economic exiles, have united to fight for what they refer to as their 'right to return' by developing new forms of mobilization and protest against austerity measures and the erosion of their economic, social and political rights. This has created a new kind of external citizenry that is highly critical of the current government known collectively as the Maroon Wave.



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