



LET CATALANS VOTE

A majority of Catalans have repeatedly expressed in different ways the wish to exercise their democratic right to vote on their political future.

This strong demand to vote is the result of longstanding dissension between the governments of Catalonia and Spain over the degree of cultural, political, and financial autonomy that Catalans should enjoy, despite several attempts to reach an acceptable solution.

As the precedents in Quebec and Scotland show, **the best way to solve legitimate internal disputes is to employ the tools of democracy.**

To prevent the Catalans from voting seems to contradict the principles that inspire democratic societies.

Accordingly, **we call on the Spanish government and institutions** and their Catalan counterparts **to work together to allow the citizens of Catalonia to vote on their political future and then negotiate in good faith based on the result.**



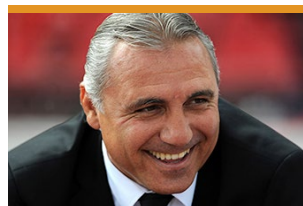
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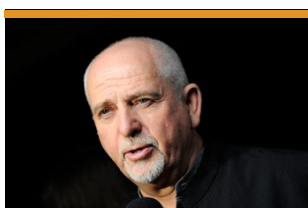
Jody Williams,
american political activist for
Human Rights, coordinator of
the International Campaign to
Ban Landmines, Peace Nobel
Prize



Yoko Ono Lennon,
japanese artist, singer and
peace activist



Hristo Stoitkov,
former Bulgarian soccer player



Peter Gabriel,
english singer-songwriter,
record producer and
humanitarian



Éric Cantonà,
former French soccer player
and actor



Peter Jambreck,
sociologist, jurist and politician,
father of the Constitution of
Slovenia



Silvio Rodríguez Domínguez,
musician of the Nueva Trova
Cubana



Heiner Flassbeck,
Former Secretary of State of the
German Ministry of Finance and
Head of UNCTAD (United
Nations Conference on Trade
and Development) from 2003
to 2012.



Costas Lapavitsas,
Former Deputy of Syriza and
Professor of Economics at the
University of London (School of
Oriental and African Studies)



Rigoberta Menchú,
leader Maya K'iche in
Guatemala, UNESCO Goodwill
ambassador and winner of
the Nobel Peace Prize



Ahmed Galai,
vice-president of the Tunisian
League for Human Rights,
which is a member of the
National Quartet Dialogue,
winner of the Nobel Peace Prize



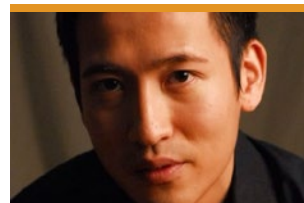
Mirta Baravalle,
Argentinian activist, co-founder
and president of Madres de la
Plaza de Mayo



Gerry Adams,
Irish politician, Sinn Féin
president



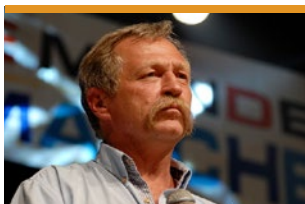
Angela Davis,
African-American activist and
philosopher, professor at
California-Santa Cruz
University, USA



Jason Y NG,
member and reporter of the
pro-democracy political
movement in Hong Kong
"Umbrella Revolution", president
of the Hong Kong PEN Club



Piedad Córdoba,
lawyer and politician, mediator
of the humanitarian agreement
between FARC and Colombia's
government, leader of
Colombians for Peace



José Bové,
activist of alter-globalization
movement and French
syndicalist, MEP for the
European Greens



Irvine Welsh,
Scottish writer



Tsering Woeser,
Tibetan writer and poet



José Shulman,
Argentinian writer and national
secretary of the Argentinian
Human Rights League



Hélder Mateus da Costa,
Portuguese playwright theatre
and writer



Hans Ulrich Gumbrecht,
German intellectual,
Comparative Literature
professor at Stanford University



Viggo Mortensen,
american actor



Joan Baez,
American singer and musician,
and activist for the civil rights



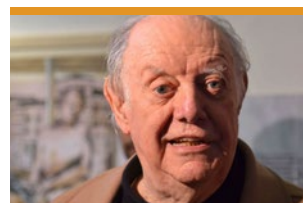
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Desmond Tutu,
South African archbishop and
winner of the Nobel Peace
Prize



Adolfo Pérez Esquivel,
Argentinean pacifist and winner
of the Nobel Peace Prize



Dario Fo,
Italian dramatist and winner of
the Nobel Prize in Literature
(1926-2016)



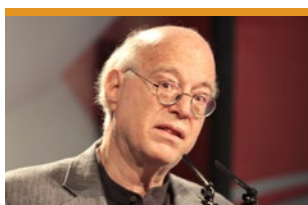
Zygmunt Bauman,
Polish sociologist (Leeds)
(1925-2017)



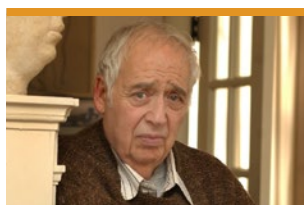
Noam Chomsky,
American linguist (MIT)



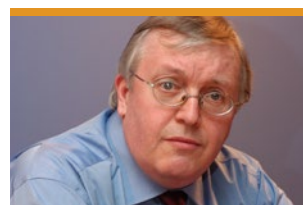
Saskia Sassen,
Dutch sociologist (Columbia)



Richard Sennett,
American thinker (NYU)



Harold Bloom,
American literary critic (Yale)



Paul Preston,
English historian and Hispanist
(LSE)



António Lobo Antunes,
Portuguese writer



Ignacio Ramonet,
journalist and former Director of
Le Monde Diplomatique



Johan Cruyff,
former Dutch footballer
(1947-2016)



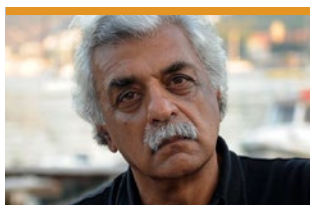
Ronald Kasrils,
South African writer, former
anti-apartheid activist and
minister



Wuer Kaixi,
Chinese dissident, a leader of
the student protests in
Tiananmen



Hu Jia,
winner of the European
Parliament Sakharov Prize for
Freedom of Thought



Tariq Ali,
Pakistani writer and activist



Ambler Moss,
former US ambassador



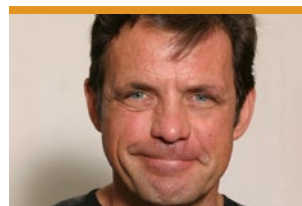
Andrea Camilleri,
Italian theatre director and
writer



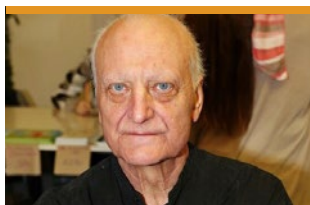
Colm Tóibín,
Irish writer



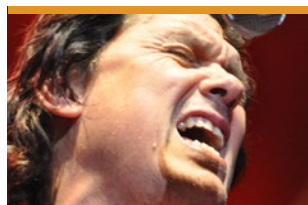
Bill Shipsey,
founder of Art for Amnesty
International



Peter Sís,
American writer and illustrator,
winner of the Hans Christian
Andersen Award



Bořek Šípek,
Czech architect (1949-2016)



Saúl Hernández,
Mexican rock star



Pēteris Vasks,
Latvian new age composer



Mārtiņš Brauns,
Latvian composer, author of
the anthem of the Baltic Way



Ken Loach,
English film maker