

ABSTRACT

THE CONTROL OF INFORMATION IN SPAIN BETWEEN 1973 AND 1976: FROM ARIAS NAVARRO TO ARIAS NAVARRO

DA ARIAS NAVARRO A ARIAS NAVARRO: IL CONTROLLO DELL'INFORMAZIONE IN SPAGNA TRA IL 1975 ED IL 1976

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The aim of this research is focused on the topic of censorship and control of the information on newspapers and other kinds of magazines during the last four years of life of Francisco Franco (from 1973 to 1975).

The study started from an hypothesis: "During the last four years of life of the Spanish Dictator did we find the same strong control of the information which characterized the first part of regime?".

We decided to make a research divided into two parts, or steps. The first one was dedicated to define the historical context of Franco dictatorship from the beginning until the last year of Adolfo Suárez Government. Many changes happened and this implied the proclamation of different regulations and laws to monitor press information.

While the second part of our research dealt with the analysis of the different *dossier* stored in the *Archivo de la Administración Pública* situated in Alcalá de Henares. The Censorship authority controlled during fourty years all printing, periodicals and press applying sanctions for directors and journalists.

The conclusion revealed some interesting aspects like a sort of worsening of the control and penalties in some periods of crisis, determined by ill health of Franco or the weak power which characterized Arias Navarro Government.

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