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In the vast body of literature surrounding the Spanish Civil War, it is often presented as a struggle between democracy and fascism. This view is almost hegemonic among sectors of the left, many of them historically influenced by Stalinism. But such an approach clashes with the sociopolitical reality of Spain in the 1930s.

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[1] On the “failure” of the Republic see: Maurin (2023) and Durgan (2021).

[2] Amongst the extensive bibliographies on anarchism before and during the Civil War, the following can be consulted: Peirats (1989), Casanova (2010) and Ealham (2026).

[3] Durgan (2025) pp. 88-89.

[4] The most complete history of the collectivisation process remains: Bernecker (1982).

[5] Nash (2006) p. 92.

[6] Durgan (1992).

[7] Moradiellos (1996).

[8] For examples of the contradictions in the position of the communists in relation to the Popular Front see Fraser (1979) Volume II, p. 30 and Durgan (2022) pp. 30, 43-44.

[9] Regarding the committees, see, for example: Pozo (2012) and Durgan (2017).

[10] There were five Republican delegates, three from the CNT, three from the UGT, two from the FAI and one each from the POUM, the PSUC and the Unió de Rabassaires, a Catalan agricultural trade union.

[11] Among the bibliographies on the Acts of May of particular interest is Guillamón (2018).

[12] On the debate about the alternative of revolutionary war see: Claudin (1975) pp. 210-242; Guillén (1980); Fraser (1979) volume II, pp. 27-38; Beevor (2005) p. 464; Durgan (2013).

[13] Durgan (2025) pp.113-118.