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## **Political psychology in spain**

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Political psychology is a relatively new, active discipline in Spain with historic lines of development. Using Ortega's concept of generation we trace the intellectual antecedents (1898-1936) and subsequent consolidation of the field. Scientific developments in psychology and political realities of the country comprise important influences in the development of the discipline. Identified empirically the main topics of political psychology in the period 1950-1990 are ideology, nationalism, political participation, and political culture. In the 1990s political psychology was closely tied to intellectual movements previous to the Spanish civil war. Nationalism, regionalism, and Spain's involvement in the tradition of Western democracies have significant places in the development of the discipline. As the discipline grew, several important research groups evolved; their research emphases and the factors that influenced them are identified and discussed.