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To ensure the robustly of this investigation, the regions of Castilla-La Mancha, Andalusia, and the Canary Islands have been selected to guarantee enough variation in the distance that separates each constituent unit of the centre-periphery cleavage in Spain, having and Autonomous Community per strata: centre, inner-periphery, and outer-periphery. Because the purpose is to explore how distance affects the behaviour of rhe different political actors thay shape the way in wich the centre relates to its peripheries, political parties are employed here as the main unit of análisis, being the greatest exponent of this type of political competition. Applying a qualitative method of analysis, the results show that distance is utilised by parties to shape how they frame the relations between the centre (Castilla-La Mancha) and the periphery in Spain (Andalusia, the inner-periphery, and Canary Islands, the outer-periphery). In addition to these main findings, distance also acts in conjunction with other imporant factors that according to the main literatura, represent crucial elements in party competition, such as pary type and ideology. In summary, this study can help better understand the impacto f distance in the way in which political behaviour is articulated.

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