

UGT: Unión General de Trabajadores

The UGT, the socialist trade union movement, had close links with the PSOE- its general secretary was Largo Caballero. During the first period of the Spanish Republic from 1931 to 1933 the UGT cooperated with the Republican government and supported the Popular Front in the elections of February 1937.

UGT membership, like that of the anarcho-syndicalist CNT, increased dramatically following the election of the Popular Front government. UGT influence peaked when Largo Caballero became Spanish Prime Minister in September 1936, but when he was replaced by Juan Negrín in May 1937, following the Barcelona events, union power gradually diminished.