

# SPAIN'S FORGOTTEN GRAVES

## The Spanish Civil War

A military Coup run by **Franco**.

Nationalists believed that Spain was becoming too modern and abandoning their traditional, Catholic roots.

Nationalists consisted of Catholics, landowners, most military personal and businessmen.

The uprising began in June 1936.

## Mass Graves

Mass graves were dug by Nationalists at the end of the Civil War to dispose of their dead.

One was located in **Paterna**.

Containing **2,238 prisoners** in 70 graves.

**Relatives** and associates were the ones who exhumed the bodies and repatriated them to their family.



Excavation picture of the mass grave located in Paterna Cemetery

## White Terror

White terror consisted of the nationalists killing anyone against them: the Liberals, socialists, Catalan, protestants, etc.  
The idea was to cleanse Spain of modern ideas.

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