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PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION

The historical success story of the Kingdom of Spain is generally accredited to the globally renowned Royal Household of the Kingdom of Spain under the leadership of His Royal Majesty King Felipe VI and Her Royal Majesty Queen Letizia, the Royal Family of the Kingdom of Spain and the Government of the Kingdom of Spain. The main aim of this textbook is to educate readers about the exceptional exemplary leadership role of His Royal Majesty King Felipe VI and Her Royal Majesty Queen Letizia, the Royal Family of the Kingdom of Spain across the world. The Kingdom of Spain due to its good democracy principles and exemplary leaders it now enjoys an unquestionable powerful nation brand status. Today it has become very important to be well educated about the: history, laws, demographics-political-economic and tourism information of various countries located in different parts of the world. One of the other main aims of this textbook is to educate readers about the history, education, accomplishments, humanitarian work, good foreign relations and societal development goals of His Royal Majesty King Felipe VI and Her Royal Majesty Queen Letizia and the Royal Family of the Kingdom of Spain. This book also specifically targeted people located in the following regions: Africa, North America, Latin America, Europe, Oceania, Middle East, the Caribbean, and Asia in order to provide them with basic knowledge and various magnificent portraits of His Royal Majesty King Felipe VI and Her Royal Majesty Queen Letizia, the Royal Family of the Kingdom of Spain.

Chapter 1: Biographies of the Exemplary & Outstanding Global Leaders: His Royal Majesty King Felipe VI and Her Royal Majesty Queen Letizia and Her Royal Highness the Princess of Asturias and Her Royal Highness Sofía of the Kingdom of Spain

After studying this chapter you should be able to:

- Define the following two terms ‘leader’ and ‘leadership’.
- Discuss the biography information of His Royal Majesty The King of the Kingdom of Spain King Felipe VI. Explain the biography information of Her Royal Majesty The Queen of the Kingdom of Spain Queen Letizia.
- Discuss the biography information of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Asturias of the Kingdom of Spain. Explain the biography information of Her Royal Highness Sofía of the Kingdom of Spain.
- Discuss the biography information of His Majesty King don Juan Carlos I of the Kingdom of Spain. Explain the biography information of Her Majesty Queen Sofia of the Kingdom of Spain.
- Describe the historical good foreign relations and cooperation of the Kingdom of Spain and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

1.1 Introduction

The Kingdom of Spain is globally known for its rich culture, environment friendly laws, historical architectural buildings, democracy, Royal Monarchy, tourist attraction cities and so on (Rudolph Muteswa, 2022). In general Spain is one of the many countries in Europe with a powerful nation brand status. ¹²“Spain’s parliamentary system features competitive multiparty

¹ Freedom House (2021) *Spain*. Available from: <https://freedomhouse.org/country/spain/freedom-world/2021> @2021
FreedomHouse

² Rudolph Muteswa (2022) *28 Amazingly Beautiful Countries in the World & Our World Heroes Towards Humanity (Gathered Articles)*: A Training Guide for Business Executives, Foreign Diplomats, International Students & Travelers 1st Edition, Educational Ebook, p1- 146, ISBN: 978-1-77924-684-4 and it is also available on the free online library – <https://rudolphmuteswa.com>

elections and peaceful transfers of power between rival parties. The rule of law prevails, and civil liberties are generally respected” (Freedom House, 2021, <https://freedomhouse.org/country/spain/freedom-world/2021> cited in Rudolph Muteswa, 2022:124). The Kingdom of Spain historically enjoys good foreign relations with various countries in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, the Caribbean, Latin America and Africa regions. It is important to point-out the fact that ‘ethics’ are principles that help to shape an individual’s or an organization’s culture towards their morality and ethos.³ In general ethical leadership applies to everyone including Royal Monarchs, Presidents, Prime Ministers, business owners, chief executive officers (CEOs), executive directors, philanthropists, academics, politicians and many other professionals.⁴ The modern day world is now strongly shaped by the international stature, the conservation of the natural environment, tourism, technological innovations, respect for human rights, democracy, peace, academic literacy rates of countries and so on (Rudolph Muteswa, 2025:13). The next section will cover information about the definition of terms.

1.2 Definition of terms

⁵In general the terms ‘leader’ and ‘leadership’ are often used when discussing any topic that is related to leadership. A *leader* is an individual with an inner ability to unite or persuade others to walk towards a certain path through inspiring their morale and gaining their trust (Rudolph Muteswa, 2019). The term ‘*leadership*’ refers to the inner power that enables an individual to successfully motivate others in a convincing, thrilling and inspiring manner to accomplish a desired vision, set goal or objective with a victorious mindset (Rudolph Muteswa, 2020). The

³ Rudolph Muteswa (2025) *The World’s Outstanding Entrepreneurs, Academics, Leaders, Diplomats & Philanthropists: 21st Century Perspective 1st Edition*, Self-Published Educational Ebook, ISBN: 978-1-77934-407-6 EAN: 9781779344076 and it is available as a free download on the online library – <https://rudolphmuteswa.com>

⁴ Rudolph Muteswa (2025) *Biographies of the Exemplary & Outstanding Global Leaders: His Royal Majesty King Willem-Alexander and Her Royal Majesty Queen Máxima of the Kingdom of the Netherlands 1st Edition*, Self-Published Educational Ebook, ISBN: 978-1-77934-136-5 EAN: 9781779341365 and it is available as a free download on the online library – <https://rudolphmuteswa.com>

⁵ Rudolph Muteswa (2020) *Leadership (Gathered Articles): A North America, Europe, Africa, Oceania & Asia 21st Century Perspective 1st Edition*. Self-Published Education Ebook, ISBN 978-1-77921-414-0

next section will cover information about His Royal Majesty The King of the Kingdom of Spain King Felipe VI.

1.3 His Royal Majesty The King of the Kingdom of Spain King Felipe VI

⁶*“The independence of the Crown, its political neutrality and its wish to embrace and reconcile the different ideological standpoints enable it to contribute to the stability of our political system, facilitating a balance with the other constitutional and territorial bodies, promoting the orderly functioning of the State and providing a channel for cohesion among Spaniards.” His Majesty King Felipe VI Madrid, 19.6.2014 (Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, <https://www.casareal.es/EN/Paginas/home.aspx>). His Majesty King Felipe VI “Serving the State, serving all Spaniards, with dedication; working for the general interest and promoting actions and initiatives for the common good; all this constitutes an unwavering, steadfast personal commitment for me” Barcelona, 14.12.2011.* The high quality portraits of His Royal Majesty The King of the Kingdom of Spain King Felipe VI and Her Royal Majesty The Queen of the Kingdom of Spain Queen Letizia will be clearly highlighted by Figure 1.1 below.

⁶ Casa de S.M. el Rey (2025) *His Majesty King Felipe VI*. Available from: <https://www.casareal.es/EN/Paginas/home.aspx> [Accessed February 15, 2025] © Official Page of The Royal Household of His Majesty the King. “© Casa de S.M. el Rey”, quedando, por tanto, prohibida su manipulación, edición, venta y comercialización.

Figure 1.1 The high quality portraits of His Royal Majesty The King of the Kingdom of Spain King Felipe VI and Her Royal Majesty The Queen of the Kingdom of Spain Queen Letizia



Photo 1



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“Biography Of His Majesty the King.”⁷His Majesty King Felipe VI of Bourbon and Greece is the third child of Their Majesties the King Juan Carlos and the Queen Sofía. He was born in Madrid, on 30 January 1968, at Nuestra Señora de Loreto clinic. In the sacrament of Baptism, he was given the names of Felipe, Juan, Pablo, and Alfonso de Todos los Santos, in memory, respectively, of the first Bourbon King to reign in Spain; of his paternal grandfather, the Head of the Spanish Royal Household; of his maternal grandfather, the King of the Hellenes; and of his great grandfather, Alfonso XIII, King of Spain. His godparents were his grandfather, His Royal Highness Juan de Borbón, Count of Barcelona, and his great grandmother, Queen Victoria Eugenie” (Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/ReyFelipe/Paginas/biografia.aspx>). The unique high quality portraits of His Royal Majesty The King of the Kingdom of Spain King Felipe VI and His Royal Majesty King don Juan Carlos I of the Kingdom of Spain will be clearly highlighted by Figure 1.2 below.

⁷ Casa de S.M. el Rey (2025) *Biography Of His Majesty the King*. Available from: <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/ReyFelipe/Paginas/biografia.aspx> [Accessed February 15, 2025] © Official Page of The Royal Household of His Majesty the King. “© Casa de S.M. el Rey”, quedando, por tanto, prohibida su manipulación, edición, venta y comercialización.

Figure 1.2 The unique high quality portraits of His Royal Majesty The King of the Kingdom of Spain King Felipe VI and His Royal Majesty King don Juan Carlos I of the Kingdom of Spain



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“In 1981, he received the Collar of the Distinguished Order of the Golden Fleece, granted by His Majesty the King Juan Carlos, Head and Sovereign of the Order. On 30 January 1986, when he turned eighteen, he swore loyalty to the King, before the Spanish Parliament, taking an oath to discharge his duties faithfully, to abide by the Constitution and the law and ensure that they are abided by, and to respect the rights of citizens and the Autonomous Communities, fully undertaking his institutional role as successor to the Crown.”⁸On 1 November 2003, Their Majesties the King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofía announced his engagement to Letizia Ortiz Rocasolano. The [religious wedding ceremony](#) was held on 22 May 2004 at the Santa María la Real de la Almudena Cathedral of Madrid. They have two daughters, Leonor, Princess of Asturias, born on 31 October 2005, and Sofía, Infanta of Spain, born on 29 April 20, both in

⁸ Casa de S.M. el Rey (2025) *Biography Of His Majesty the King*. Available from: <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/ReyFelipe/Paginas/biografia.aspx> [Accessed February 15, 2025] © Official Page of The Royal Household of His Majesty the King. “© Casa de S.M. el Rey”, quedando, por tanto, prohibida su manipulación, edición, venta y comercialización.

Madrid. His father, King Juan Carlos I, abdicated the Spanish Throne and sanctioned the preceptive Organic Law on 18 June 2014. On 19 June 2014, Felipe took the Oath set forth in Article 61 of the Constitution and was proclaimed King before Parliament, taking the name of Felipe VI. The King holds the military rank of Captain General of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force, the highest military rank, which corresponds exclusively to the supreme commander of the Armed Forces” (Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/ReyFelipe/Paginas/biografia.aspx>). The high quality portraits of His Royal Majesty King Felipe VI and Her Royal Majesty Queen Letizia and Her Royal Highness the Princess of Asturias and Her Royal Highness Sofía of the Kingdom of Spain will be clearly highlighted by Figure 1.3 below.

Figure 1.3 The high quality portraits of His Royal Majesty King Felipe VI and Her Royal Majesty Queen Letizia and Her Royal Highness the Princess of Asturias and Her Royal Highness Sofía of the Kingdom of Spain



Photo 1



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“EDUCATION. He went to Santa María de los Rosales School until 1984, for his Infant, Primary and Secondary education. He completed his Secondary education by studying the last year—the equivalent of the university entrance course—at Lakefield College School, in Canada.

⁹From September 1985 to July 1988, His Majesty trained at the General Military Academy in Zaragoza, where he pledged allegiance to the Flag on 11 October 1985. He continued his military training at the Military Naval School in Marín, and at the General Air Force Academy in San Javier, successively, and was given the commissions of Infantry Lieutenant, Navy Sub-Lieutenant, and Air Force Lieutenant. He is a helicopter pilot, with instrument flightrating in the 402nd Army Air Force Squadron. He earned Helicopter Pilot Wings from the Army and the Navy. From October 1988 to June 1993, he studied at the Autónoma University of Madrid, where he graduated with a degree in Law, and also studied diverse subjects relating to the degree in Economic Science, in order to complete his education in this area. In September 1993, he enrolled in a Master's Degree Course in International Relations at the Edmund Walsh School of Foreign Service of Georgetown University (Washington, DC), from which he graduated on 26 May 1995. From September 1999 to June 2000, he took a refresher course in Security and Defence” (Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/ReyFelipe/Paginas/biografia.aspx>). The unique high quality portraits of His Royal Majesty King Felipe VI and Her Royal Majesty Queen Letizia and Her Royal Highness the Princess of Asturias and Her Royal Highness Sofía of the Kingdom of Spain will be clearly highlighted by Figure 1.4 below.

⁹ Casa de S.M. el Rey (2025) *Biography Of His Majesty the King*. Available from: <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/ReyFelipe/Paginas/biografia.aspx> [Accessed February 15, 2025] © Official Page of The Royal Household of His Majesty the King. “© Casa de S.M. el Rey”, quedando, por tanto, prohibida su manipulación, edición, venta y comercialización.

Figure 1.4 The unique high quality portraits of His Royal Majesty King Felipe VI and Her Royal Majesty Queen Letizia and Her Royal Highness the Princess of Asturias and Her Royal Highness Sofia of the Kingdom of Spain



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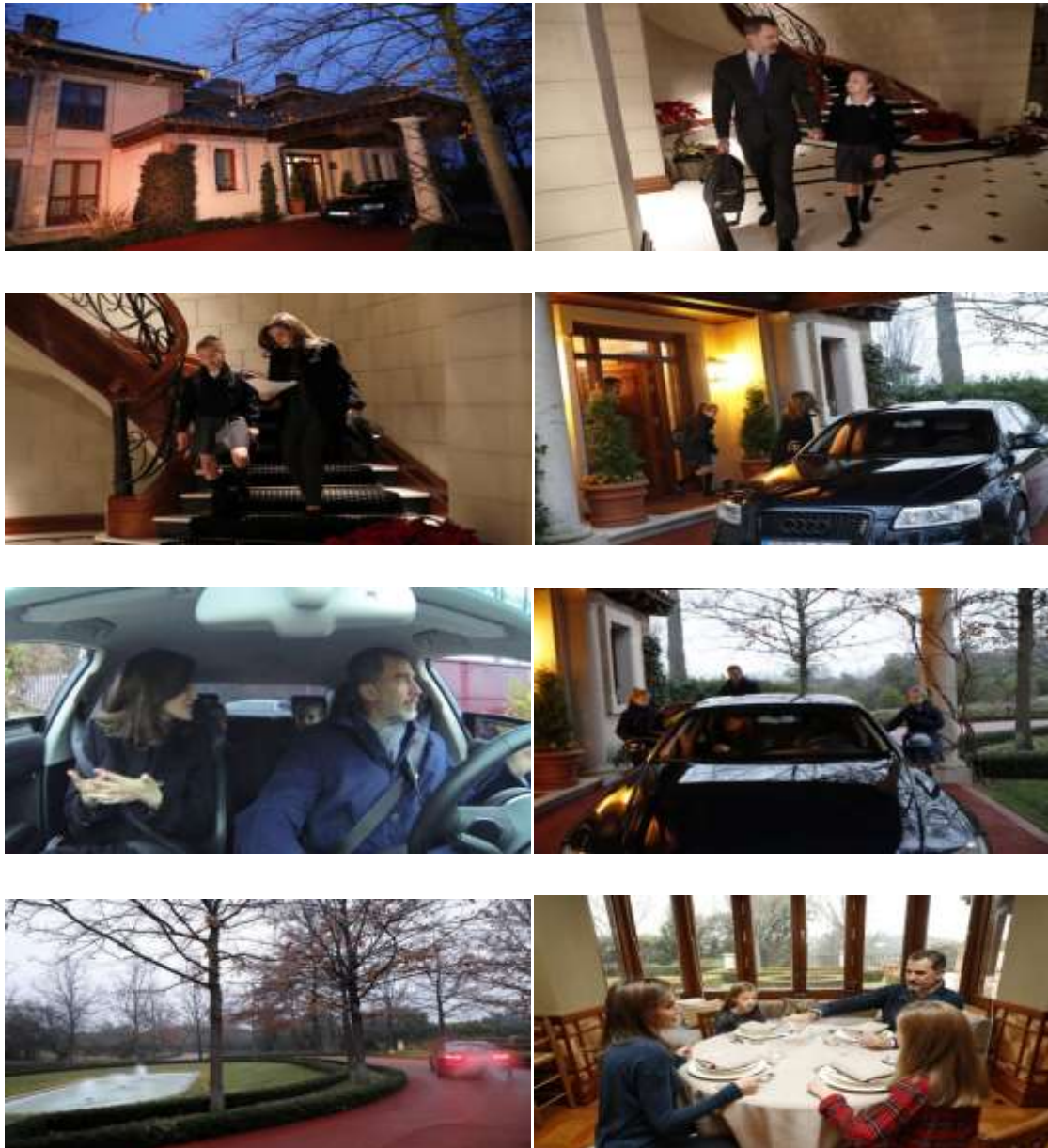
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“**OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES.** In 1990, he began to make a series of official visits to Spain's Autonomous Communities, in order to gain more profound knowledge of Spain and become closer to all Spaniards.”¹⁰ After completing his academic studies in the United States, Felipe

¹⁰ Casa de S.M. el Rey (2025) *Biography Of His Majesty the King*. Available from: <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/ReyFelipe/Paginas/biografia.aspx> [Accessed February 15, 2025] © Official Page of The

fulfilled the institutional commitments deriving from his status as Crown Prince, both in Spain and abroad, and he participates in the most important events of the different sectors and areas of Spanish public life. He held regular meetings with the Constitutional bodies and with the main institutions of Spain's Central Administration and Autonomous Communities, to learn about their activities. He granted public and private audiences to a large number of people from the political, economic and cultural spheres, and from the media, in order to be informed of national and international affairs” (Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/ReyFelipe/Paginas/biografia.aspx>). The high quality portraits of His Royal Majesty King Felipe VI and Her Royal Majesty Queen Letizia and Her Royal Highness the Princess of Asturias and Her Royal Highness Sofía of the Kingdom of Spain will be clearly highlighted by Figure 1.5 below.

Figure 1.5 The high quality portraits of His Royal Majesty King Felipe VI and Her Royal Majesty Queen Letizia and Her Royal Highness the Princess of Asturias and Her Royal Highness Sofía of the Kingdom of Spain



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“**MILITARY ACTIVITIES.** His Majesty is in close contact with the Armed Forces and with the Civil Guard, following a programme of activities that includes giving commissions at the

Academies for Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers, ¹¹attending exercises and manoeuvres, visiting units, centres and institutions, and, since 2010, attending military audiences. In addition to keeping in touch with his classmates at the Military Academies, King Felipe is informed about current military affairs through private audiences with senior Military and Civil Guard Officers, and through working meetings” (Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/ReyFelipe/Paginas/biografia.aspx>). The high quality portraits of His Royal Majesty King Felipe VI and Her Royal Majesty Queen Letizia and Her Royal Highness the Princess of Asturias and Her Royal Highness Sofía of the Kingdom of Spain will be clearly highlighted by Figure 1.6 below.

¹¹ Casa de S.M. el Rey (2025) *Biography Of His Majesty the King*. Available from: <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/ReyFelipe/Paginas/biografia.aspx> [Accessed February 15, 2025] © Official Page of The Royal Household of His Majesty the King. “© Casa de S.M. el Rey”, quedando, por tanto, prohibida su manipulación, edición, venta y comercialización.

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“**ACTIVITIES ABROAD.** As the Prince of Asturias he carried out many activities abroad, playing a very active role in promoting Spain's economic and commercial interests. He was also especially interested in promoting knowledge of Spanish language and culture, through support for the network of Instituto Cervantes centres and the creation of Chairs to spread knowledge of the history and current reality of Spain at the principal foreign universities. ¹²To this end, he

¹² Casa de S.M. el Rey (2025) *Biography Of His Majesty the King*. Available from: <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/ReyFelipe/Paginas/biografia.aspx> [Accessed February 15, 2025] © Official Page of The Royal Household of His Majesty the King. “© Casa de S.M. el Rey”, quedando, por tanto, prohibida su manipulación, edición, venta y comercialización.

made official visits every year, accompanied by Queen Letizia, to an Ibero-American country and to another country in the European Union, the Middle East or the Far East in which Spain has strategic interests” (Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/ReyFelipe/Paginas/biografia.aspx>). The high quality portrait of His Royal Majesty King Felipe VI of the Kingdom of Spain will be clearly highlighted by Figure 1.7 below.

Figure 1.7 The high quality portrait of His Royal Majesty King Felipe VI of the Kingdom of Spain



Source: (Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, © Casa de S.M. el Rey. Fotografía oficial de Su Majestad el Rey Don Felipe VI con uniforme de gran etiqueta de Capitán General del Ejército de Tierra (Estela de Castro), https://www.casareal.es/EN/ArchivoMultimedia/Paginas/archivo-multimedia_galerias-de-fotos-detalle.aspx?data=144522). © Official Page of The Royal Household of His Majesty the King. “© Casa de S.M. el Rey”, quedando, por tanto, prohibida su manipulación, edición, venta y comercialización.

“Since January 1996, he has represented Spain at the swearing-in ceremonies of the Ibero-American Presidents. **FOUNDATIONS**. In addition to his official activities, King Felipe is Honorary President of diverse Associations and Foundations, to whose activities he is especially committed, participating in working meetings and chairing the meetings of their Boards of Trustees. ¹³Noteworthy among these are the Prince of Asturias Foundation, the Prince of Girona

¹³ Casa de S.M. el Rey (2025) *Biography Of His Majesty the King*. Available from:

<https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/ReyFelipe/Paginas/biografia.aspx> [Accessed February 15, 2025] © Official Page of The

Foundation, and the Hesperia Foundation. The [Prince of Asturias Foundation](#) was constituted in Oviedo (Asturias) on 24 September 1980, and seeks, among other goals, to enhance and promote the cultural and moral values that contribute to the progress of humankind. As a symbol, the internationally-renowned "Prince of Asturias" Awards are granted each year, at a ceremony presided over by His Majesty each October in Oviedo. La [Prince of Girona Foundation](#) was born in 2009 with the purpose of supporting young people, promoting their entrepreneurial spirit in the business, social, scientific, academic and cultural spheres. Its central event is the Impulsa Forum, which is held each year in Girona. Together with the Queen, he presides the [Hesperia Foundation](#), created in 2010 to promote projects of a social nature involving youth, especially young people in the most underprivileged situations. He also holds regular working meetings with the Codespa Foundation, dedicated to combating poverty through economic and social development, and with the Elcano Royal Institute, the principal Spanish think tank generating thought and ideas in the field of international and strategic relations” (Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/ReyFelipe/Paginas/biografia.aspx>). The unique high quality portraits of His Royal Majesty King Felipe VI of the Kingdom of Spain will be clearly highlighted by Figure 1.8 below.

Figure 1.8 The unique high quality portraits of His Royal Majesty King Felipe VI of the Kingdom of Spain



Photo 1

Photo 2

Source: (Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, **Photo 1** - © Casa de S.M. el Rey / Gorka Lejarcegi. Fotografía oficial de Su Majestad el Rey Don Felipe VI con uniforme de diario para actos de especial relevancia de Capitán General del Ejército de Tierra & **Photo 2** - © Casa de S.M. el Rey / Gorka Lejarcegi. Fotografía oficial de Su Majestad el Rey Don Felipe VI con uniforme de diario de Capitán General de la Armada, https://www.casareal.es/EN/ArchivoMultimedia/Paginas/archivo-multimedia_galerias-de-fotos-detalle.aspx?data=144522). © Official Page of The Royal Household of His Majesty the King. “© Casa de S.M. el Rey”, quedando, por tanto, prohibida su manipulación, edición, venta y comercialización.

“**HOBBIES.** An enthusiast of sports in general, he was a member of the Olympic Sailing team in the Soling class at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, where he was Spain's flag bearer in the Parade of the Nations during the opening ceremony. He came in sixth, for which he was awarded an Olympic Diploma” (Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/ReyFelipe/Paginas/biografia.aspx>). The next section will cover information about the Queen of the Kingdom of Spain in greater detail.

1.4 Her Royal Majesty The Queen of the Kingdom of Spain Queen Letizia

The high quality portraits of His Royal Majesty King Felipe VI and Her Royal Majesty Queen Letizia and Her Royal Highness the Princess of Asturias and Her Royal Highness Sofía and His Royal Majesty King don Juan Carlos I and Her Royal Majesty Queen Sofia of the Kingdom of Spain will be clearly highlighted by Figure 1.9 below.

Figure 1.9 The high quality portraits of His Royal Majesty King Felipe VI and Her Royal Majesty Queen Letizia and Her Royal Highness the Princess of Asturias and Her Royal Highness Sofía and His Royal Majesty King don Juan Carlos I and Her Royal Majesty Queen Sofia of the Kingdom of Spain



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4

Source: (Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, **Photo 1** - © EFE. H.R.H. the Princess of Asturias. Zarzuela Palace. Madrid, 15.07.2007 & **Photo 2** - © Casa de S.M. el Rey / Borja Fotógrafos. Sus Majestades los Reyes, junto a la Princesa de Asturias y la Infanta Doña Sofía. Palacio Real de Madrid, 19.06.2014, <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/ReinaLetizia/Paginas/biografia.aspx> & **Photo 3** - © Casa de S.M. el Rey. Fotografía de Sus Majestades los Reyes y Sus Altezas Reales la Princesa de Asturias y la Infanta Doña Sofía (Estela de Castro) & **Photo 4** - © Casa de S.M. el Rey. Fotografía oficial de Su Majestad la Reina (Estela de Castro), https://www.casareal.es/EN/ArchivoMultimedia/Paginas/archivo-multimedia_galerias-de-fotos-detalle.aspx?data=144522). © Official Page of The Royal Household of His Majesty the King. “© Casa de S.M. el Rey”, quedando, por tanto, prohibida su manipulación, edición, venta y comercialización.

“Her Majesty Queen Letizia *“Three million people in our country, many of them children and teens, are suffering from rare diseases. And it is a priority for our society to give greater visibility to and raise awareness of them, and achieve the commitment of us all to their daily*

struggle” Berlin (Alemania), 1.3.2010”¹⁴ (Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/ReinaLetizia/Paginas/biografia.aspx>). The high quality portrait of Her Royal Majesty Queen Letizia of the Kingdom of Spain will be clearly highlighted by Figure 1.10 below.

Figure 1.10 The high quality portrait of Her Royal Majesty Queen Letizia of the Kingdom of Spain



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“Biography. Her Majesty the Queen Letizia Ortiz Rocasolano was born in Oviedo on 15 September 1972, and is the daughter of Jesús Ortiz Álvarez and Paloma Rocasolano Rodríguez. She started school in Oviedo, at La Gesta public school, and later at the Alfonso II Institute. ¹⁵At the age of 14, she moved, together with her parents and sisters, to Madrid, where she finished her

¹⁴ Casa de S.M. el Rey (2025) *BIOGRAPHY OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN*. Available from: <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/ReinaLetizia/Paginas/biografia.aspx> [Accessed February 15, 2025] “© Casa de S.M. el Rey”, quedando, por tanto, prohibida su manipulación, edición, venta y comercialización.

¹⁵ Casa de S.M. el Rey (2025) *BIOGRAPHY OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN*. Available from: <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/ReinaLetizia/Paginas/biografia.aspx> [Accessed February 15, 2025] “© Casa de S.M. el Rey”, quedando, por tanto, prohibida su manipulación, edición, venta y comercialización.

secondary education at the Ramiro de Maeztu Institute. She contracted civil marriage in 1999, and divorced a year later. Her Majesty has a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from the Complutense University of Madrid and a Master's Degree in Audiovisual Journalism from the Institute for Audiovisual Journalism Studies. Their Majesties The King and Queen announced her engagement to the then Prince of Asturias on 1 November 2003. The [religious wedding ceremony](#) was held on 22 May 2004 at the Santa María la Real de la Almudena Cathedral of Madrid. They have two daughters: Infanta Leonor, born on 31 October 2005, and Infanta Sofía, born on 29 April 2007, both in Madrid” (Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/ReinaLetizia/Paginas/biografia.aspx>). The unique high quality portrait of His Royal Majesty King Felipe VI and Her Royal Majesty Queen Letizia of the Kingdom of Spain will be clearly highlighted by Figure 1.11 below.

Figure 1.11 The unique high quality portrait of His Royal Majesty King Felipe VI and Her Royal Majesty Queen Letizia of the Kingdom of Spain



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“EDUCATION AND WORK EXPERIENCE. ¹⁶From a very young age, as a student, she also worked at the newspapers La Nueva España and ABC, and at the EFE News Agency, where she worked in international editing during her last year at university. She began her PhD studies in Mexico, where she collaborated with the newspaper Siglo 21. The Queen's TV career began in the Madrid branch of Bloomberg TV, specialising in the economy, finance and the markets, under the supervision of the EFE News Agency. She was later hired by the private channel formed by CNN and Canal+, CNN+, as a reporter, editor, and broadcaster. In 2000, she entered Televisión Española, where she worked with the editing team of the news programme Telediario Segunda Edición, and presented Informe Semanal. Later, she presented the morning news programme Telediario Matinal, the special sections on the Euro broadcast during the news programmes, and she was sent as a special correspondent to different countries to report on current events. Following that, she was an editor in the society, education and science department, and later once again joined the editing team of Telediario Segunda Edición, which she co-anchored. She was awarded the Larra Prize by the Madrid Press Association to the year's most outstanding journalist under 30” (Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/ReinaLetizia/Paginas/biografia.aspx>). **“OFFICIAL**

ACTIVITIES. The Queen's priorities are her family and supporting the institutional work of His Majesty the King. Therefore, she takes care of her daughters personally and seeks to harmonise her duties as a mother and her work alongside King Felipe at certain official events. ¹⁷Furthermore, since 2007 she has her own agenda, which takes place in the framework of the official activities of the Royal Household of His Majesty The King, and of the Secretariat of His Royal Highness The Prince of Asturias. Her main areas of work are children and youth, and, most especially, areas related to their education and health. In education, her priorities are education between the ages of 6 and 16, and, particularly, promotion and support for Vocational Training. Promoting reading and reading comprehension as a fundamental pillar for students'

¹⁶ Casa de S.M. el Rey (2025) *BIOGRAPHY OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN*. Available from: <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/ReinaLetizia/Paginas/biografia.aspx> [Accessed February 15, 2025] “© Casa de S.M. el Rey”, quedando, por tanto, prohibida su manipulación, edición, venta y comercialización.

¹⁷ Casa de S.M. el Rey (2025) *BIOGRAPHY OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN*. Available from: <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/ReinaLetizia/Paginas/biografia.aspx> [Accessed February 15, 2025] “© Casa de S.M. el Rey”, quedando, por tanto, prohibida su manipulación, edición, venta y comercialización.

intellectual development is another area in which the Queen is working actively, to combat educational failure and early school-leaving. Another facet of education in which Queen Letizia is involved is the acquisition of healthy habits from early childhood, as she is convinced that good physical and mental health has its foundation in these habits, which will be fully effective if they are promoted in early childhood. Among these healthy habits are nutrition, physical activity and the development of social skills as a weapon against early addictions at critical ages. In the area of health, the Queen has devoted herself to encouraging and giving visibility to those suffering from infrequent conditions, known as "rare diseases", and their families, and to the fight against cancer. ¹⁸For her commitment to infrequent diseases, in 2010 she was invited by Mrs. Eva Köhler, wife of the German Federal President, to attend a research awards ceremony in Berlin, Germany; this was the first of her activities abroad. In September 2010, the Queen assumed the Honorary Presidency of the Spanish Association Against Cancer and of its Scientific Foundation. This was the first time she accepted a Presidency of this nature on a permanent basis, and she did so given the impact of this disease on society, and the Association's importance in the fight against cancer through its research, information, prevention campaigns and volunteerism. Hers is an active, committed Presidency. Therefore, besides participating in specific activities in the mentioned areas, she holds regular working meetings to learn about the Association's activities, programmes and projects. One of the principal endeavours of the Queen is promoting scientific research, not only as regards rare diseases or the fight against cancer, but also to support any initiative facilitating the inclusion of scientific research as one of the basic pillars in the context of education, health and innovation. In other words, always making scientific research a priority and a light to guide a society that is committed to the progress of all. The world of disability is another of the Queen's interests. Throughout these years, she has provided institutional support for different groups within Spanish society, ranging from visually impaired people to those affected by hearing impairments or by autism spectrum disorders, to name only a few. In addition to the military activities she attends together with His Majesty the King, the Queen has maintained contact with the military by attending Armed Forces Day, presenting Combat Flags to certain Units, and presiding over a Flag Oath ceremony of the Royal

¹⁸ Casa de S.M. el Rey (2025) *BIOGRAPHY OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN*. Available from: <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/ReinaLetizia/Paginas/biografia.aspx> [Accessed February 15, 2025] “© Casa de S.M. el Rey”, quedando, por tanto, prohibida su manipulación, edición, venta y comercialización.

Guard. Her Majesty accompanies the King on his annual official visits abroad” (Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/ReinaLetizia/Paginas/biografia.aspx>). The next section will cover information about the Princess of Asturias of the Kingdom of Spain in greater detail.

1.5 Her Royal Highness the Princess of Asturias of the Kingdom of Spain

The unique high quality portrait of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Asturias of the Kingdom of Spain will be clearly highlighted by Figure 1.12 below.

Figure 1.12 The unique high quality portrait of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Asturias of the Kingdom of Spain



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“Biography of H.R.H. the Princess of Asturias. Her Royal Highness the Princess of Asturias, Leonor de Borbón y Ortiz, is the elder daughter of Their Majesties King Felipe VI and Queen

Letizia. She was born in Madrid on 31 October 2005. ¹⁹Her godparents at her Christening were her paternal grandparents, Their Majesties King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia” (Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/PrincesaLeonor/Paginas/biografia.aspx>). The high quality portrait of His Royal Majesty King Felipe VI and Her Royal Majesty Queen Letizia and Her Royal Highness the Princess of Asturias of the Kingdom of Spain will be clearly highlighted by Figure 1.13 below.

¹⁹ Casa de S.M. el Rey (2025) *Her Royal Highness Princess of Asturias*. Available from: <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/PrincesaLeonor/Paginas/biografia.aspx> [Accessed February 17, 2025] © Official Page of The Royal Household of His Majesty the King. “© Casa de S.M. el Rey”, quedando, por tanto, prohibida su manipulación, edición, venta y comercialización.

Figure 1.13 The high quality portrait of His Royal Majesty King Felipe VI and Her Royal Majesty Queen Letizia and Her Royal Highness the Princess of Asturias of the Kingdom of Spain



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4

Source: (Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, SS MM los Reyes y S.A.R la Princesa Asturias - Salida a la mar del buque Escuela "Juan Sebastian de Elcano" - Puerto de Cadiz, 11.1.25, https://www.casareal.es/sitios/listasaux/Galerias/20250111-SALIDA_A_LA_MAR_DEL_BUQUE_ESCU-ES-342941/636X390/reyes_despedida_princesa_elcano_cadiz_20250111_04.jpg & Photo 2 - Su Alteza Real la Princesa de Asturias durante su instruccion en el Buque Escuela "Juan Sebastian de Elcano" - Salvador de Bahia. Brasil, 14.2.2025, <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/PrincesaLeonor/Paginas/subhome.aspx> & Photo 3 - © Casa de S.M. el Rey / Borja Fotógrafos. Sus Majestades los Reyes, con Doña Leonor, en su primer aniversario. Palacio de La Zarzuela. Madrid, 31.10.2006 & Photo 4 - © Casa de S.M. el Rey / Borja Fotógrafos. Su Alteza Real la Princesa de Asturias, acompañada por Sus Majestades los Reyes, en su primer día en la guardería de la Guardia Real. Cuartel del Rey. El Pardo. Madrid, 07.09.2007, <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/PrincesaLeonor/Paginas/biografia.aspx>). "© Casa de S.M. el Rey", quedando, por tanto, prohibida su manipulación, edición, venta y comercialización.

“She became the Heir to the Throne on the proclamation of her father as King on 19 June 2014. Pursuant to Art. 57.2. of the Constitution, she holds the title of Princess of Asturias, as well as the titles of Princess of Girona and Princess of Viana, corresponding to the firstborn of the Kingdom of Castile, the Throne of Aragon and the Kingdom of Navarre, whose union formed

the Spanish Monarchy in the 16th century.²⁰ She also holds the titles of Duchess of Montblanc, Countess of Cervera and Lady of Balaguer” (Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/PrincesaLeonor/Paginas/biografia.aspx>). The next section will cover information about Her Royal Highness Infanta Sofia of the Kingdom of Spain in greater detail.

1.6 Her Royal Highness Infanta Sofía of the Kingdom of Spain

The high quality portrait of Her Royal Highness Infanta Sofía of the Kingdom of Spain will be clearly highlighted by Figure 1.14 below.

Figure 1.14 The high quality portrait of Her Royal Highness Infanta Sofía of the Kingdom of Spain



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“Her Royal Highness Infanta Sofía. BIOGRAPHY. Her Royal Highness Sofía de Borbón y Ortiz, Infanta of Spain, is the second daughter of Their Majesties King Felipe VI and Queen

²⁰ Casa de S.M. el Rey (2025) *Her Royal Highness Princess of Asturias*. Available from: <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/PrincesaLeonor/Paginas/biografia.aspx> [Accessed February 17, 2025] © Official Page of The Royal Household of His Majesty the King. “© Casa de S.M. el Rey”, quedando, por tanto, prohibida su manipulación, edición, venta y comercialización.

Letizia. She was born in Madrid on 29 April 2007. Her godparents at her Christening were her maternal grandmother, Paloma Rocasolano, and His Royal Highness Prince Konstantin of Bulgaria”²¹(Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/InfantaSofia/Paginas/subhome.aspx>). The next section will cover information about His Majesty King don Juan Carlos I of the Kingdom of Spain in greater detail.

1.7 His Royal Majesty King don Juan Carlos I of the Kingdom of Spain

““His Majesty King Juan Carlos “We are living through very demanding times. Many difficulties await us but we also have the support of the strong values that make us feel proud to be Spanish and the stimulus of our recent history of overcoming difficulties.” Palacio de La Zarzuela, 24.12.2011”” (Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/rej/Paginas/rej_biografia.aspx). The high quality portrait of His Royal Majesty King don Juan Carlos I of the Kingdom of Spain will be clearly highlighted by Figure 1.15 below.

²¹ Casa de S.M. el Rey (2025) *Her Royal Highness Infanta Sofía*. Available from: <https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/InfantaSofia/Paginas/subhome.aspx> [Accessed February 17, 2025] © Official Page of The Royal Household of His Majesty the King. “© Casa de S.M. el Rey”, quedando, por tanto, prohibida su manipulación, edición, venta y comercialización.

Figure 1.15 The high quality portrait of His Royal Majesty King don Juan Carlos I of the Kingdom of Spain



Photo 1

Photo 2

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²²“**His Majesty the King Juan Carlos.** His Majesty the King don Juan Carlos I was born on 5 January 1938 in Rome where the Royal Family was living, having had to leave Spain when the Republic was proclaimed in 1931. His parents were Juan de Borbon y Battenberg, Count of Barcelona and Head of the Spanish Royal Household since his father, King Alfonso XIII, relinquished this status, and Maria de las Mercedes de Borbon y Orleans. At the express wish of his father, he was educated in Spain as from the age of ten, after a period as a boarder at the Marianist school in the Swiss town of Fribourg. His parents, meanwhile, had been living since 1946 in the coastal town of Estoril in Portugal. **HIS EDUCATION.** In 1954 he completed his secondary education at San Isidro School in Madrid and then went on to study at the Military Academies and Colleges of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force reaching the rank of Officer.

²² Casa de S.M. el Rey (2025) *His Majesty King Juan Carlos*. Available from: https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/rey/Paginas/rey_biografia.aspx [Accessed February17, 2025] © Official Page of The Royal Household of His Majesty the King. "© Casa de S.M. el Rey", quedando, por tanto, prohibida su manipulación, edición, venta y comercialización.

During that period, he went to sea as a midshipman on the "Juan Sebastian Elcano" training ship, and also qualified as a military pilot. He completed his education from 1960 to 1961 at the Complutense University, Madrid, where he studied constitutional and international law, economics and taxation. On 14 May 1962, in Athens, he married HRH Princess Sofia of Greece, the eldest daughter of King Paul I and Queen Federica. After their honeymoon, the Prince and Princess went to live at La Zarzuela Palace just outside Madrid which is still their residence today. Their first daughter, HRH the Infanta Elena, was born in 1963, followed two years later by HRH the Infanta Cristina and in 1968 by HRH Prince Felipe. **KING OF ALL SPANIARDS.** After the death of the Head of State, Francisco Franco, Juan Carlos was proclaimed King on 22 November 1975. In his first message to the nation in the Spanish Parliament, he expressed the basic ideas of his reign - to restore democracy and to become the King of all Spaniards, without exception. The transition to democracy, under the guidance of a new Government, began with the 1976 Law for Political Reform. In May 1977, the Count of Barcelona transferred to the King his dynastic rights and his position as Head of the Spanish Royal Household in a ceremony which confirmed the role of the Crown in the restoration of democracy. A month later, the first democratic elections since 1936 were held, and the new Parliament drew up the text of the current Spanish Constitution which was approved by referendum on 6 December 1978 and received the royal assent in a solemn session of the Parliament on 27 December of the same year.

²³**The Constitution** establishes the political form of the State as a parliamentary monarchy in which the King is the arbiter and overseer of the proper working of the institutions. In his message to Parliament, King Juan Carlos expressly proclaimed his firm intention to abide by it and serve it. In fact it was the Monarch who saved the Constitution and democracy during the night of 23 February 1981 when the other Constitutional authorities had been held hostage in the Parliament building in an attempted coup. During his reign, the King has paid official visits to almost all the **countries** of the world as well as the main worldwide and regional **international organisations**. **HIS ROLE AS A STATESMAN.** HM the King has encouraged a new style in conducting relations with Latin America, stressing the identity of a cultural community based on

²³ Casa de S.M. el Rey (2025) *His Majesty King Juan Carlos*. Available from: https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/rey/Paginas/rev_biografia.aspx [Accessed February 17, 2025] © Official Page of The Royal Household of His Majesty the King. "© Casa de S.M. el Rey", quedando, por tanto, prohibida su manipulación, edición, venta y comercialización.

a common language and pointing out the need to generate joint initiatives and take part in suitable kinds of co-operative activity. This is the rationale behind the Ibero American Summit Conferences, the first of which was held in Guadalajara in Mexico in 1991. King Juan Carlos has always insisted on Spain's European vocation throughout its history, and encouraged it to join the European Communities. The importance of the European Union in the contemporary world and especially in the areas most akin to it, including Latin America, has been stressed by the King in many of his messages. His pro-European profile and his role in the restoration of democracy in Spain have been acknowledged through many International Awards. He has been invested with honorary doctorates by some 30 Spanish and foreign universities of prestige. The Spanish language, the heritage of the Spanish-speaking community, and its promising future in today's world, are subjects of special interest to him. He encouraged the creation of the Foundation in support of the Royal Academy which was set up with the backing of public and private entities in 1994”” (Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/rey/Paginas/rey_biografia.aspx). The unique high quality portraits of His Royal Majesty King don Juan Carlos I and Her Royal Majesty Queen Sofia of the Kingdom of Spain will be clearly highlighted by Figure 1.16 below.

Figure 1.16 The unique high quality portraits of His Royal Majesty King don Juan Carlos I and Her Royal Majesty Queen Sofia of the Kingdom of Spain

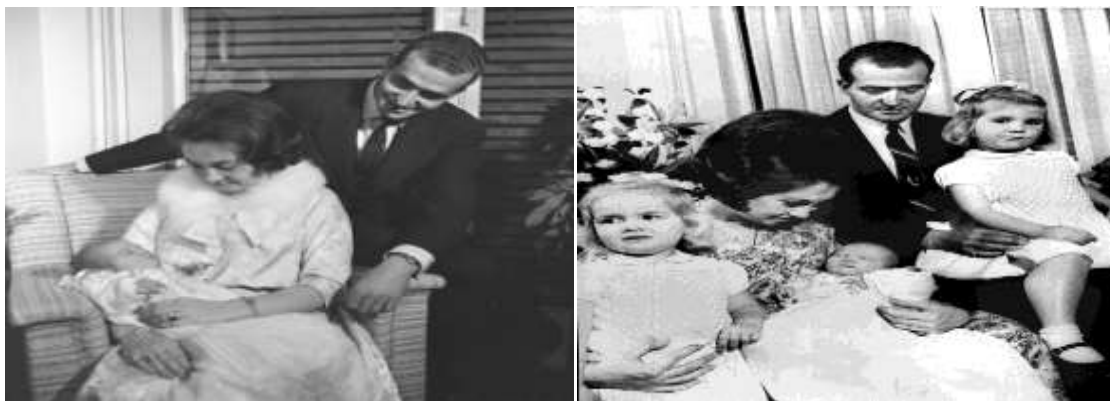


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“HIS SPECIAL INTERESTS. As a keen sportsman, skiing and sailing being his favourites, King Juan Carlos supports and appreciates sporting activities as a formative influence of

unquestionable social value. The King and Queen and the rest of the Royal Family frequently attend sporting events and their support of the Spanish Olympic teams was especially marked during the Olympic Games held in Barcelona in 1992”²⁴ (Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/rey/Paginas/rey_biografia.aspx). The next section will cover information about Her Majesty Queen Sofia of the Kingdom of Spain in greater detail.

1.8 Her Majesty Queen Sofia of the Kingdom of Spain

““**Her Majesty Queen Sofia** “*My Foundation, together with the Crown, aims to be an effective working instrument to benefit Spanish society*” Madrid, 4.10.2004”” (Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/Reina/Paginas/reina_biografia.aspx). The unique high quality portraits of His Royal Majesty King don Juan Carlos I and Her Royal Majesty Queen Sofia and His Royal Majesty King Felipe VI and the Royal Family of the Kingdom of Spain will be clearly highlighted by Figure 1.17 below.

²⁴ Casa de S.M. el Rey (2025) *His Majesty King Juan Carlos*. Available from: https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/rey/Paginas/rey_biografia.aspx [Accessed February17, 2025] © Official Page of The Royal Household of His Majesty the King. “© Casa de S.M. el Rey”, quedando, por tanto, prohibida su manipulación, edición, venta y comercialización.

Figure 1.17 The unique high quality portraits of His Royal Majesty King don Juan Carlos I and Her Royal Majesty Queen Sofia and His Royal Majesty King Felipe VI and the Royal Family of the Kingdom of Spain

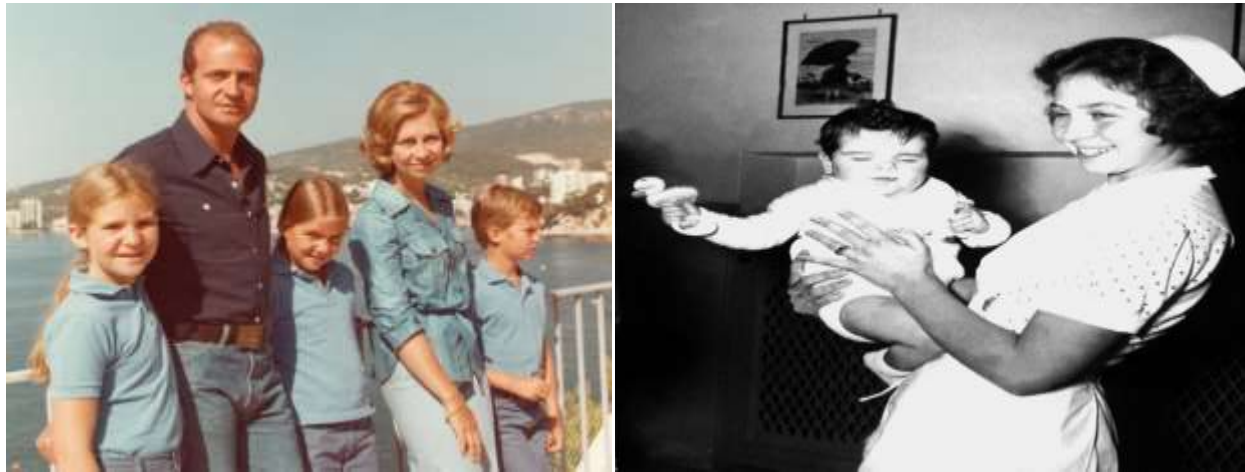


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“**Biography.** Her Majesty Queen Sofia. Her Majesty Queen Sofia was born in Athens on 2 November 1938. The first-born daughter of the King and Queen of Greece, Paul I and Frederica, her family belongs to one of the oldest Royal Houses in Europe.²⁵ He spent part of his childhood in Egypt and South Africa, as his family had to flee during the Second World War. He returned to his homeland in 1946, completed his education at the German boarding school Schloss Salem, and, back in Athens, specialised in child care, music and archaeology. He participated as a substitute in the Greek sailing team during the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome. On 14 May 1962 she married the then Prince Don Juan Carlos de Borbón y Borbón in Athens, and in the following years her three children were born: Infanta Elena (on 20 December 1963), Infanta Cristina (on 13 June 1965), and Prince Felipe (on 30 January 1968). He has eight grandchildren: Leonor,

²⁵ Casa de S.M. el Rey (2025) *Her Majesty Queen Sofia*. Available from: https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/Reina/Paginas/reina_biografia.aspx [Accessed February 17, 2025] © Official Page of The Royal Household of His Majesty the King. “© Casa de S.M. el Rey”, quedando, por tanto, prohibida su manipulación, edición, venta y comercialización.

Princess of Asturias, and Infanta Sofía, daughters of King Felipe and Queen Letizia; Felipe and Victoria de Marichalar y de Borbón, children of Infanta Elena and D. Jaime de Marichalar; and Juan, Pablo, Miguel and Irene Urdangarín y de Borbón, children of Infanta Cristina and D. Iñaki Urdangarín. In addition to her participation in official and institutional events (among which we can highlight nearly 2,000 official activities during her reign, 21 International Cooperation trips, 180 State trips with His Majesty King Juan Carlos), she also devotes great attention to social and welfare activities. Following the abdication of His Majesty King Juan Carlos, he has carried out more than 300 official activities, many of them within the scope of the [Queen Sofia Foundation](https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/Reina/Paginas/reina_biografia.aspx)”” (Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/Reina/Paginas/reina_biografia.aspx). The unique high quality portrait of His Royal Majesty King don Juan Carlos I and Her Royal Majesty Queen Sofia and His Royal Majesty King Felipe VI and Her Royal Majesty Queen Letizia of the Kingdom of Spain will be clearly highlighted by Figure 1.18 below.

Figure 1.18 The unique high quality portrait of His Royal Majesty King don Juan Carlos I and Her Royal Majesty Queen Sofia and His Royal Majesty King Felipe VI and Her Royal Majesty Queen Letizia of the Kingdom of Spain



Source: (Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, © House of His Majesty the King. Wedding of HRH Infanta Cristina with Iñaki Urdangarin. Barcelona, 04.10.1997. https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/Reina/Paginas/reina_biografia.aspx). © Official Page of The Royal Household of His Majesty the King. “© Casa de S.M. el Rey”, quedando, por tanto, prohibida su manipulación, edición, venta y comercialización.

““She is the Executive President of the Queen Sofia Foundation. This Foundation was created in 1977 with a small amount of capital provided by the Foundation itself, and its objectives are set out in its statutes in a very broad manner, affecting the social, cultural, educational, research, etc. areas. For several years, his foundation maintained a low profile of activities and focused its work on providing specific help to people who turned to His Majesty seeking his support, and in accordance with the society of the seventies and eighties. ²⁶Since the publication of the Foundations Law in 1994, the Foundation began to carry out projects that attempted to alleviate

²⁶ Casa de S.M. el Rey (2025) *Her Majesty Queen Sofia*. Available from: https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/Reina/Paginas/reina_biografia.aspx [Accessed February 17, 2025] © Official Page of The Royal Household of His Majesty the King. “© Casa de S.M. el Rey”, quedando, por tanto, prohibida su manipulación, edición, venta y comercialización.

the problems of people and groups who find themselves in serious situations both in Spain and around the world. In 2002, the Alzheimer Project was launched by his foundation. The idea arose from His Majesty's concern for the situation of people affected by different types of dementia and Alzheimer's disease in particular. The Alzheimer Centre of the Queen Sofia Foundation was built on a plot of land of 18,000 square metres, with a residence for 156 patients, a day centre for 40 people and a training centre for family members and healthcare staff. This centre also included a research unit that covers not only research into Alzheimer's and other dementias, but also Parkinson's, Huntington's and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). Likewise, in recent years the Queen Sofia Foundation has been involved in carrying out awareness campaigns on environmental care, supporting Food Banks, which played a very important role during the times when Spain suffered the pandemic, and continues to support them. The foundation's total projects worth 60 million euros are divided into 76% in research into Neurodegenerative Diseases (mainly Alzheimer's), 16% Social Projects, 4% Environment and 4% in educational and other projects. She is the Honorary President of several cultural and musical institutions, including the "Escuela Superior de Música Reina Sofía". Doña Sofía has been recognized, either directly or through her foundation, with [various awards and prizes](#) for the social work she has carried out. It also continues to participate in various international projects on the development of rural women, poverty in the world, support for women in underdeveloped countries and business expansion for the most disadvantaged social strata through microcredit”” (Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/Reina/Paginas/reina_biografia.aspx). The unique high quality portrait of His Royal Majesty King don Juan Carlos I and Her Royal Majesty Queen Sofia and the Royal Family of the Kingdom of Spain will be clearly highlighted by Figure 1.19 below.

Figure 1.19 The unique high quality portrait of His Royal Majesty King don Juan Carlos I and Her Royal Majesty Queen Sofia and the Royal Family of the Kingdom of Spain



Source: (Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, © Casa de S.M. el Rey. Their Royal Majesties with their grandchildren. Madrid, 2007, https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/Reina/Paginas/reina_biografia.aspx). © Official Page of The Royal Household of His Majesty the King. “© Casa de S.M. el Rey”, quedando, por tanto, prohibida su manipulación, edición, venta y comercialización.

“Queen Sofia is an Honorary Member of the Royal Academy of Fine Arts of San Fernando and of the Royal Academy of History. She has received honorary doctorates from the Universities of Rosario (Bogotá), Valladolid, Cambridge, Oxford, Georgetown, Évora, New York and Seisen (Tokyo) and from the CEU San Pablo University”²⁷ (Casa de S.M. el Rey, 2025, https://www.casareal.es/EN/FamiliaReal/Reina/Paginas/reina_biografia.aspx). The next section will cover the conclusion of this Chapter in greater detail.

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1.9 Historical good foreign relations and cooperation of the Kingdom of Spain and the Kingdom of the Netherlands

The magnificent and historical high quality portraits of His Royal Majesty The King of the Kingdom of Spain King Felipe & Her Royal Majesty Queen Letizia and His Royal Majesty The King of the Kingdom of the Netherlands King Willem-Alexander and Her Royal Majesty Queen Máxima and will be clearly depicted below by Figure 1.20.

Figure 1.20 The magnificent and historical high quality portraits of His Royal Majesty The King of the Kingdom of the Netherlands King Willem-Alexander and Her Royal Majesty Queen Máxima and His Royal Majesty The King of the Kingdom of Spain King Felipe VI & Her Royal Majesty Queen Letizia



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4

Source: Royal House of the Netherlands: (Photo 1 - Amsterdam, 17 April 2024, state visit by the King and Queen of Spain to the Netherlands, Image: © Patrick van Katwijk. Available from: <https://www.royal-house.nl/binaries/large/content/gallery/royalhouse/content-afbeeldingen/staatsbezoeken/2024-04-spain/17/staatsbanket-tijdens-staatsbezoek-spanje-1.jpeg> and Photo 2 - Amsterdam, 17 April 2024, state visit by the King and Queen of Spain to the Netherlands, Image: © ANP. Available from: <https://www.royal-house.nl/binaries/large/content/gallery/royalhouse/content-afbeeldingen/staatsbezoeken/2024-04-spain/17/toost-tijdens-staatsbanket-spanje.jpeg> and Photo 3 - The Hague, 18 April 2024, state visit by the King and Queen of Spain to the Netherlands, Image: © RVD. Available from: <https://www.royal-house.nl/binaries/large/content/gallery/royalhouse/content-afbeeldingen/staatsbezoeken/2024-04-spain/18/regeringslunch-staatsbezoek-van-spanje-2.jpeg> and Photo 4 - The Hague, 18 April 2024, state visit by the King and Queen of Spain to the Netherlands, Image: © Clingendael David van Dam. Available from: <https://www.royal-house.nl/binaries/large/content/gallery/royalhouse/content-afbeeldingen/staatsbezoeken/2024-04-spain/18/koning-willem-alexander-en-koning-felipe-clingendael-2.jpeg>. "Used with permission".

“State visit by the King and Queen of Spain – programme. The Netherlands and Spain have a shared history and are bound by common values and interests. The two countries have

maintained diplomatic relations since 1648, and historical links stretch back even further.²⁸²⁹ The centuries-old ties connecting the Netherlands and Spain are political, economic, cultural and social in nature. Political cooperation with Spain has intensified over the past few years. The two countries work together closely in areas including open strategic autonomy and organised crime. Economic ties are also strong. Spain is the seventh largest market for Dutch exports, and the Netherlands imports a large proportion of its fruit and vegetables from Spain. There have also been sizeable investments in both directions in green hydrogen to safeguard the future availability and affordability of energy. Many Dutch people feel at home in Spain, sometimes choosing to settle there temporarily or permanently. Conversely, many Spanish people study and work in the Netherlands. There are regular exchanges in the field of art and culture, from the Old Masters to contemporary artists who connect their work to socially relevant themes such as equality and sustainability” (Royal House of the Netherlands, 2024, <https://www.royal-house.nl/latest/news/2024/04/04/state-visit-by-the-king-and-queen-of-spain-programme> cited in Rudolph Muteswa, 2025:47 from his famous book title ‘*Biographies of the Exemplary & Outstanding Global Leaders: His Royal Majesty King Willem-Alexander and Her Royal Majesty Queen Máxima of the Kingdom of the Netherlands 1st Edition*’).

1.10 Conclusion

It can be concluded that ‘exemplary leaders’ inspire and unite their followers whilst at the same time gaining their trust. It can therefore be concluded that the Kingdom of Spain is a globally ranked beautiful country in the world that enjoys a highly unique and attractive culture, lifestyle and weather. It can be concluded that the historical success story of the Kingdom of Spain is mainly accredited to the globally renowned Royal Household of the Kingdom of Spain

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²⁹ Rudolph Muteswa (2025) *Biographies of the Exemplary & Outstanding Global Leaders: His Royal Majesty King Willem-Alexander and Her Royal Majesty Queen Máxima of the Kingdom of the Netherlands 1st Edition*, Self-Published Educational Ebook, ISBN: 978-1-77934-136-5 EAN: 9781779341365 and it is available as a free download on the online library – <https://rudolphmuteswa.com>

under the leadership of His Royal Majesty King Felipe VI and Her Royal Majesty Queen Letizia and His Majesty King don Juan Carlos I and Her Majesty Queen Sofia and the Government of the Kingdom of Spain. It can therefore be concluded that countries with leaders that embrace openness, effective leadership strategies and nation building end up achieving prosperity.

1.11 Review questions

- 1) Define the following two terms 'leader' and 'leadership'?
- 2) Discuss the biography information of His Royal Majesty The King of the Kingdom of Spain King Felipe VI? Explain the biography information of Her Royal Majesty The Queen of the Kingdom of Spain Queen Letizia?
- 3) Discuss the biography information of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Asturias of the Kingdom of Spain? Explain the biography information of Her Royal Highness Sofía of the Kingdom of Spain?
- 4) Discuss the biography information of His Majesty King don Juan Carlos I of the Kingdom of Spain? Explain the biography information of Her Majesty Queen Sofia of the Kingdom of Spain?
- 5) Describe the historical good foreign relations and cooperation of the Kingdom of Spain and the Kingdom of the Netherlands?

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