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Contributions to the Political and Party Characterization of the Douro Region during the First Republic in Portugal

Based on specialized literature and contemporary press, we seek to characterize the political and partisan evolution of the Alto Douro (Portugal) during the First Portuguese Republic (1910-1926). We intend to identify the strategies and the political and clientelist networks of the Portuguese Republican Party in the various municipalities of the region in comparison with the prevalence of the cacique networks. We also intend to quantify the degree of implantation and growth of the Republican Party through the number of republican committees and centers and, finally, to recognize the strategies of the republican leaders faced with the challenges posed to the maintenance of the Party's predominance after the split of 1912 and the emergence of new party forces.