

In 19th century Spain, Juan Donoso Cortés, a right-wing philosopher and politician, was speaking about the utility of establishing a united Europe. It was a complex idea that aimed to change the relationship between states and governments, focusing on the belief that what could truly unite different countries with different interests and cultures should not be economy, but religion. In my paper I will trace the approach Donoso suggested to reach that goal. I will try to discern whether his ideas were merely the result of a utopian speculation, or if Donoso's Europeanism was also designed to reinforce his political views in the Spanish internal background: a strategy to obtain more power against his opponents. To better understand the topic, I will expose a summary of his political ideas and I will highlight his rhetoric style to pinpoint the reasons why the European discourse was so important to assert his stance.

