



Casa tomada y **Peronismo**

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Summary of *Casa tomada*

- Written by Julio Cortázar
- Two siblings living in large house in Buenos Aires
- Live extremely private and uneventful lives
- “El sonido venía impreciso y sordo, como un volcarse de silla sobre la alfombra o un ahogado susurro de conversación (Cortázar)”



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Summary of *Casa Tomada* (Cont.)

- “Los ruidos se oían más fuerte, pero siempre sordos...(Cortázar)”
- The two run out of the house and narrator throws away the key
- The story is a metaphor of Peronismo



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Juan Perón and Peronismo Ideology

- Who was Juan Perón?
- President of Argentina
1946-1955
1973-1974 (History.com Editors)
- Focused on the industrialization using money from monopoly of Argentina's agriculture export ("1914-2001: A People's History of Argentina")



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Juan Perón and Peronismo Ideology

- The Twenty Truths of Perónist Justicialism
- There is only class: the workers
- “That is the only discrimination which Argentina should make among its inhabitants: those who are doing constructive work and those who are not; those who are benefactors to the country and those who are not” (“What is Peronsim?”)



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- Why do the noises take over the house?
- Context about the siblings
- Did not even work for their house
- “No necesitábamos ganarnos la vida, todos los meses llegaba la plata de los campos y el dinero aumentaba (Cortázar).”



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- “Todos los meses llegaba la plata de los campos.”
- Perón wanted to take over agriculture industry for industrialization



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- How do we know for sure it is Peronism/Perón?
- Targeting of the elite siblings
- *Casa tomada* is written in 1946



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- Los ruidos (The noises)
- Come from within
 - “...en el fondo del pasillo que traía desde aquellas piezas hasta la puerta (Cortázar).”
- Not an external force
- The process of how the house is taken over connects to Perón as well



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- What does the slow take over of the house symbolize?
- Perón's five-year plan
- Seeks to nationalize, economic planning by state, industrialization (Pahowka)
- The government would have monopoly on all exports (Roberts)



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- The noises are described as “deaf”
 - “El sonido venía impreciso y sordo”
 - “Los ruidos se oían más fuerte, pero siempre sordos”
- Referring Perón’s position to opposition (History.com Editors)



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Conclusion

- *Casa tomada* is a metaphor of Peronismo
- Descriptions of the siblings
- Descriptions of the noises as well as their actions
- Shows how Peronismo would sweep though nation, and change Argentina forever





Questions?

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