Spain is today: “madre en otro tiempo fecunda en capitanes, madrastra es hoy apenas de humildes ganapanes”,
meaning: ‘once a mother who gave birth to many leaders, now the harsh stepmother of mere drudges’.

- Spanish writer Antonio Machado
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- Climate
- Natural Resources
- ‘Cultural Endowments’