

# ***Italian Elections: the Real Loser? Anti-National Europe***

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**I**n the Italian elections there was an hidden competitor, who silently suffered a severe defeat: Europe. Nobody talked about it, but the defeat of mr. Monti shows it clearly: he was the trustee of the European Union, he was sent (or called, as they prefer to say) to discipline Italy, ostensibly because of its budget problems but in reality because – with the crisis of the euro – Europe has become more and more doubtful about the feasibility of the Unification and fears that one of these days one its member States in trouble could abandon it. Italy is one of the pivotal States, both in a concrete and symbolic way: no United Europe is possible without Italy. The whole Mediterranean area would be jeopardized by a possible exit of Italy, and at that point several other States could follow its example.

All this is obvious, of course, but the problem is that when Europe is involved, no one – politicians or journalists – ever talks about it. In the analysis of the outcome of the Italian elections, therefore, the most important consideration is missing, so all of it is wrong. Europe is the reason why many of the votes that the candidate of the Democratic party, mr. Bersani, hoped to get were given instead to the '5 Star Movement' of mr. Grillo. The unconditional support that the Democratic party gave to mr. Monti convinced its voters that the party agreed with him about Europe; therefore even if the PD won the elections, it would not be able to do anything against Europe. On the other hand, it is clear that the Democratic party, which boasts to be the Party of the Workers, can not at the same time stand alongside of the Big Finance that is ruling over Europe. The Democratic Party has a long history; its voters have always been loyal, and in 2012 many of them even endured the terrible Monti government, with his forty-five suicides of small businessmen and hundreds of thousands of unemployed people left with no wages or support. The voters felt that they had to endure all this to get out of the crisis. But then the creation of the List of mr. Monti made it clear to all (and not only to the voters of the Democratic Party) that they had been deceived:

the European powers had settled permanently in Italy and they would not let it go.

One of the biggest mistakes of mr. Berlusconi was not talking clearly about the relationship between Italy and the European Union. Many members of the PDL [mr. Berlusconi's party] who silently opposed Europe simply migrated into smaller Parties. If only mr. Berlusconi had clearly taken a stand against Europe, they would have voted again for his party. On the opposite side, Mr. Fini and his party disappeared, the Radicals with mr. Pannella and Mrs. Bonino also disappeared, and the party of mr. Casini was almost completely cancelled: all this was due to the fact that they declared to be pro-Europe and supported mr. Monti.

The situation of the League is more complicated; several reasons caused its decline, from the fading of mr. Bossi to the financial scandals. Their old slogan "secession" lost its appeal because in front of Europe all Italian citizens – including those living in the north – rediscovered their love for Italy. They even prefer the Italian State to the cancellation of the national identity and independence that would be melted within the black hole of Europe.

Everybody (and not only the Italians) realized that within the European Union the Nation states must disappear. If the European Union ever became a real political Union, the national governments would be just puppets that follow the orders of Bruxelles and of the Global Finance. The Stock Exchange is doing bad? Yes, of course, but those who gamble in the Stock Market do not care about whom is governing a State; they just want an opportunity to sell and then buy back tomorrow at a lower price. The Italian national bonds were all sold out in the same day: therefore the risk of default is one of the biggest lies supported by the Stock market gamblers. They are professional liars and it is foolish to trust them.

Seventy years have gone by since the European Union was created, with the excuse that then the single nations would not move war one against the other any more. Young people – all of them, and not only those who voted mr. Grillo – believe that this idea is absurd and even ridiculous. War? A war to conquer an Empire? Nazism, fascism belong to History and history is over and done with, it was left behind by young people. This is the force of men.

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