

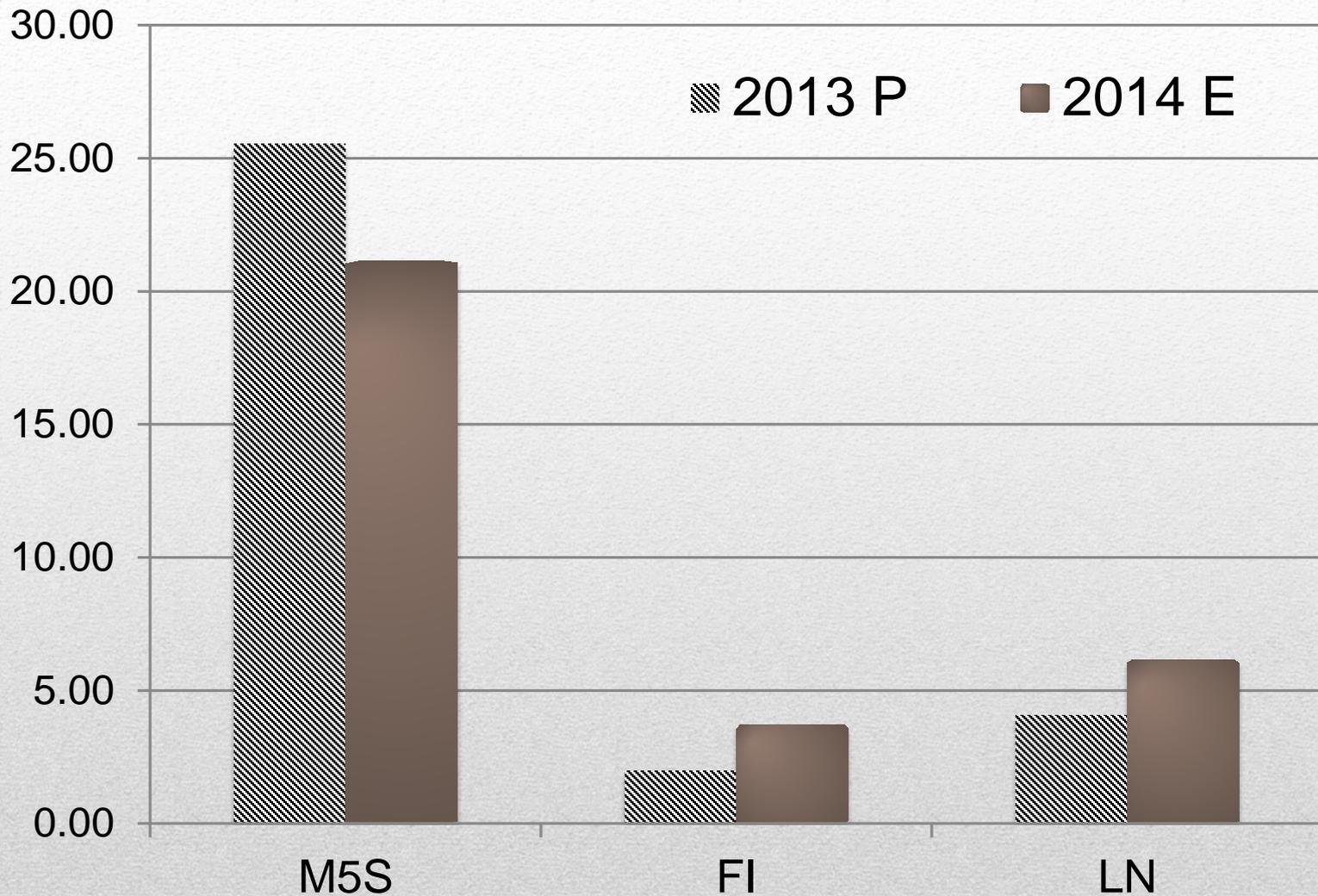
# Right-wing populism in Italy: is it a matter of *decency*?

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# Right-wing populist groups



P = Political elections; E = European elections

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	Movimento 5 Stelle			Fratelli d'Italia/AN			Lega Nord		
	2013 P	2014 E	2015 R	2013 P	2014 E	2015 R	2013 P	2014 E	2015 R
<b>Piemonte</b>	21	21.63		2 (circoscrizione1) 3.2 (circoscrizione2)	4.2	3.73	6.47	7.64	
<b>Val d'Aosta</b>	18.5	22.63			2.5		3.29	6.83	
<b>Lombardia</b>	20	15.74		1.5 (circoscrizione1) 1.5 (circoscrizione2) 1.9 (circoscrizione3)	2.8	1.54	12.37	14.62	
<b>Liguria</b>	32.1	25.95	22.29		2.9		2.33	5.56	20.25
<b>Trentino-Alto Adige</b>	14.61	12.36		N.P.	1.8		4.18	7.59	
<i>Bolzano</i>	8.31	8.8			1.4		0.94	5.99	
<i>Trento</i>	20.76	15.45			2.3		7.33	8.98	
<b>Veneto</b>	26.54	19.86	10.4	1.7 (circoscrizione1) 1.2 (circoscrizione2)	3.3		10.53	15.2	17.82 (+23.08 Lista Zaia)
<b>Friuli-Venezia Giulia</b>	27.22	18.87		1.8	4.4		6.72	9.31	
<b>Emilia-Romagna</b>	24.64	19.23		1.3	2.7	1.91	2.58	5.04	
<b>Toscana</b>	24.01	16.68	15.13	1.8	3.2		0.73	2.56	16.16
<b>Umbria</b>	27.16	19.47	14.55	2.8	5.4		0.58	2.51	13.99
<b>Marche</b>	32.13	24.51	18.89	2.2	4.1		0.69	2.7	13.02
<b>Lazio</b>	27.7	25.17		2.6 (circoscrizione1) 3.2 (circoscrizione2)	5.6	3.83	0.19	1.6	
<b>Abruzzo</b>	29.87	29.74		3.5	4.7	2.9	0.18	0.75	
<b>Molise</b>	27.67	27.34		5.9	4		0.18	1.02	
<b>Campania</b>	22.14	22.93	17.01	2.1 (circoscrizione1) 3.9 (circoscrizione2)	4.5		0.3	0.66	
<b>Puglia</b>	25.52	24.61	16.33	1.6	3.7		0.06	0.56	2.29 (Noi con Salvini)
<b>Basilicata</b>	24.26	21.16		2.4	4.3	5.08	0.71	0.71	
<b>Calabria</b>	24.85	21.5		1.4	3.6	2.47	0.23	0.74	
<b>Sicilia</b>	33.61	26.3		1.3 (circoscrizione1) 1.8 (circoscrizione2)	3.2		0.27	0.86	
<b>Sardegna</b>	29.68	30.51		1.8	3.5	2.82	0.14	1.4	

***Economic inequality approach:*** investigates the voting impact of economic insecurity and explain mass support for populist forces as a consequence of *growing inequalities, import competition, migration flows, shrinking welfare state, and technological automation*

***Cultural backlash thesis:*** emphasize the reaction from those holding traditional values and retro norms to progressive cultural change developed in Western societies since the early seventies.

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## **“Poverty is a crime”**

- An interaction of economic inequality and cultural backlash may explain the rise of populism in Italy. In the context of increasing inequalities generated by the economic crisis and resulting austerity measures, the most common variant of populism is an ideology based on the stigmatization of disadvantaged and poor social groups.
  - The populist ideology of ***decency*** (*decoro*) promotes:
    - *policies of social exclusion*
    - *gentrification*
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## ***Social exclusion***

- The concept of decency is used in contrast to that of “decay”, a comprehensive label including different sorts of behaviour and life style of the poorest and most marginal part of the society (migrants, Roma, slum occupants, sex workers, sexual minorities, short-term and low consumption tourists, and others).

## ***Gentrification***

- Displacement of the most disadvantaged strata of the society, appropriation (privatization) of common goods and commercialization of public space.
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## ***Let's clean up! (Facciamo pulizia!)***

The ideology of decency manifests itself as a complex of *legislative provisions, media and civil society campaigns* apparently devoted to tackle the decay of urban public space. In early stages, it emerged in the form of anti-decay regulatory provisions of local administration (such as ordinance against homeless, street vendors, outdoor food consuming tourists, slum occupants and other injunctions against perceived threats to public decency), supported by local groups of citizens and spread by traditional and social media.

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***Who can do it better than women?***

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**Giorgia Meloni**  
(Fratelli d'Italia)

**Roberta Lombardi** (M5S)



## *Let's clean up! (Facciamo pulizia!)*



Magdalena Martullo-Blocher  
(Union démocratique du centre)

### Alice Weidel

(Alternative für Deutschland) and her role model:

### Margaret Thatcher



# IS THIS WHAT FEMINISM WAS LOOKING FOR?

