ITALIAN ELECTION STUDIES

Italian National Election Studies
Istituto Cattaneo

QUESTIONNAIRE

A.Problem1 I would like to know more about your views on seven social problems. Among the following problems, which do you feel is the most serious in Italy? Before answering allow me to read the list.


A.Problem2 Is there another problem you consider serious?
(same list as before)

A.EconSit Now we would like to know more about your opinion concerning Italy’s and your family’s economic situation. In your opinion, over the last twelve months the economic situation in Italy has:

z.it96.A.RespSit And your family’s?

H.Interest How interested in politics are you: very much, somewhat, not much or not at all?

z.it96.H.Convince If you have an opinion on a political or electoral issue, do you attempt to convince your friends, relatives or colleagues. How often: often, sometimes, rarely, or never?

H.InterestCam With how much interest have you followed the recent election campaign: very much, somewhat, not very much or none at all?

z.it96.H.CamHealthcare During the recent election campaign there was much talk about health care. According to some people, health care should be entrusted exclusively to the State. According to others, it should be entrusted entirely to the private sector. Now I shall read some opinions which have been collected among Italians. Could you tell me which opinion is closest to yours?

I am very much in favour of the State’s managing health care
I am somewhat in favour of the State’s managing health care
I am in favour of a mixed system in which the public sector co-exists with the private sector
I am somewhat in favour of the private sector's managing health care
I am very much in favour of the private sector's managing health care
Don't know / no response

z.it96.Newsource
Now I would like to ask you how you kept yourself informed about the election during the recent election campaign. From where did you draw the greatest part of your information about politics?
Television -Newspapers - Weeklies - Radio - None of these

z.it96.D.ReadPaper1
During the election campaign did you happen to read any articles about politics in the newspaper?
Yes —> question D.Paper1
No —> question D.CamTV

(only if question z.it96.D.ReadPaper1="Yes")

D.Paper1
During the election campaign in which newspaper did you read articles about politics?

La Repubblica
Corriere della Sera
Local newspapers
La Stampa
Il Giornale
Il Mattino
Il Messaggero
Il Resto del Carlino
L’Unità
La Nazione
La Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno
Il Giorno
Il Tempo
Il Secolo XIX
Il Sole-24 Ore
Il Manifesto
Avvenire
L’Unione Sarda
L’Indipendente
Other newspapers
Don’t know / no response

(only if question z.it96.D.ReadPaper1="Yes")

D.PaperFreq
How frequently did you read the newspaper?
Less than once a week
1-2 days a week
3-4 days a week
Every day

(only if question z.it96.D.ReadPaper1="Yes")

D.PaperBias
Did you have the impression that the newspaper in which you read articles
about politics favoured one of the political parties or alliances?
   Yes  --> question D.PapPart
   No   --> question z.it96.D.ReadPaper2

(only if question D.PapBias = 'Yes')

D.PapPart Which one?
   Polo per le Libertà
   Ulivo and Progressisti
   Lega Nord
   Other
   No response

(only if question z.it96.D.ReadPaper1 = 'Yes')

z.it96.D.ReadPaper2 Did you read any articles about politics in another newspaper?
   Yes  --> question D.Paper2
   No   --> question D.CamTV

(only if question z.it96.D.ReadPaper2 = 'Yes')

D.Paper2 Which newspaper?
   (same list as before)

Z.It96.D.CamTV During the election campaign did you happen to see any tv news programmes?
   Yes  --> question D.TV1
   No   --> question D.Radio1

(only if question D.CamTV = 'Yes')

D.TV1 Which tv news programme did you see most frequently in this period?
   Tg Uno (Rai Uno)
   Tg Due (Rai Due)
   Tg Tre (Rai Tre)
   Tg4 (Retequattro)
   Tg5 (Canale 5)
   Studio Aperto (Italia 1)
   Telemontecarlo
   Videomusic
   Other

(only if question D.CamTV = 'Yes')

D.TV1Freq How often did you see this tv news programme?
   Less than once a week
   1-2 days a week
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3-4 days a week
Every day

(only if question D.CamTV = 'Yes')

D.TV1Bias Did you have the impression that the tv news programme which you saw favoured one of the political parties or alliances?
Yes --> question D.TV1Part
No --> question D.TV2

(only if question D.TV1Bias = 'Yes')

D.TV1Part Which one?
Polo per le Libertà
Ulivo and Progressisti
Lega Nord
Other

(only if question D.CamTV = 'Yes')

D.TV2 During the election campaign did you happen to see another tv news programme? Which one?
(same list as before)

(only if question D.TV2 = 'No other tv news programme')

D.TV2Freq How often did you see this (second) tv news programme?
Less than once a week
1-2 days a week
3-4 days a week
Every day

(only if question D.TV2 = 'No other tv news programme')

D.TV2Bias Did you have the impression that the (second) tv news programme which you saw favoured one of the political parties or alliances?
Yes --> question D.TV2Part
No --> question D.Radio1

(only if question D.TV2Bias = 'Yes')

D.TV2Part Which one?
Polo per le Libertà
Ulivo and Progressisti
Lega Nord
Other
D.Radio1 On which radio station or network did you most often hear political news?
   Doesn’t listen to radio
   Rai Uno
   Rai Due
   Rai Tre
   Radio Radicale
   Private radio stations
   Don’t know / no response

D.Radio1Freq How often did you listen to the radio news programmes?
   Doesn’t listen to radio
   Less than once a week
   1-2 days a week
   3-4 days a week
   Every day

D.Radio1Bias Did you have the impression that the radio news programme which you listened to favoured one of the political parties or alliances?
   Doesn’t listen to radio —> question z.it96.D.Debate
   Yes —> question D.Radio1Part
   No —> question z.it96.D.Debate
   No response —> question z.it96.D.Debate

(only if question D.Radio1Bias = 'Yes')

D.Radio1Part Which one?
   Polo per le Libertà
   Ulivo and Progressisti
   Lega Nord
   Other

z.it96.D.Debate Did you see the debate between Berlusconi and Prodi which was televised on Canale 5 on the last day of the election campaign?
   Yes —> question D.TVDebateWin
   No —> question B.NoInflu

(only if question z.it96.D.Debate = 'Yes')

D.TVDebateWin Which of the two leaders did you like most on that occasion?
   Berlusconi
   Prodi
   Neither
   Don’t know / no response
I shall now read you some things that people sometimes say. As I read them would you please tell me how much you agree with them?
(Very much – somewhat – not very much – not at all)

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<th><strong>B.NoInflu</strong></th>
<th>People like me don’t have any say about what the government does.</th>
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<td><strong>z.it96.B.LoseTouch</strong></td>
<td>Usually the candidates we elect to Parliament lose touch with the voters pretty quickly.</td>
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<td><strong>z.it96.B.BestCandidate</strong></td>
<td>In any election it’s best to consider the candidates without worrying about their party label.</td>
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<td><strong>B.DemAuth</strong></td>
<td>I shall now read some opinions regarding democracy. Please pay attention and tell me which of the three views best reflects your opinion.</td>
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<td>Democracy is preferable to any other form of government</td>
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<td>In certain situations an authoritarian regime, a dictatorship, is preferable to democracy</td>
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<td>For people like me, all systems are pretty much the same</td>
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<th>In general, how satisfied are you about the way democracy works in Italy: very much, somewhat, not much or not at all?</th>
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<td>Very satisfied</td>
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<th><strong>z.it96.C.LRSelf1</strong></th>
<th>Lots of people use the terms ‘left’ and ‘right’ when they talk or think about politics. Thinking about your political opinions, where would you place yourself: left, centre-left, centre, centre-right or right?</th>
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<td>Refuses to place him/herself ——&gt; question <strong>z.it96.C.LRF11</strong></td>
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(If question **z.it96.C.LRSelf1**='Left', then ——> question **z.it96.C.LRF11**)

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<td>Leaning toward the centre-left</td>
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Don't know / no response

(if question z.it96.C.LRSelf1 = 'Centre-left', then —> question z.it96.C.LRF11)

z.it96.C.LRSelf3  Leaning more toward the left or more toward the centre?
    Leaning toward the left
    Leaning toward the centre
    Don’t know / no response

(if question z.it96.C.LRSelf1 = 'Centre', then —> question z.it96.C.LRF11)

z.it96.C.LRSelf4  Leaning more toward the centre-left or more toward the centre-right?
    Leaning toward the left
    Leaning toward the right
    Don’t know / no response

(if question z.it96.C.LRSelf1 = 'Centre-right', then —> question z.it96.C.LRF11)

z.it96.C.LRSelf5  Leaning more toward the centre or more toward the right?
    Leaning toward the centre
    Leaning toward the right
    Don’t know / no response

(if question z.it96.C.LRSelf1 = 'Right', then —> question z.it96.C.LRF11)

z.it96.C.LRSelf6  Leaning toward the centre-right or exactly or the right?
    Leaning toward the centre-right
    Exactly on the right
    Don’t know / no response

Lots of people speak about parties in terms of ‘left’ and ‘right’. How would you describe the political orientation of the following parties?

z.it96.C.LRF11  For example, where would you place Forza Italia: left, centre-left, centre, centre-right or right?
    Left —> question z.it96.C.LRF12
    Centre-left —> question z.it96.C.LRF13
    Centre —> question z.it96.C.LRF14
    Centre-right —> question z.it96.C.LRF15
    Right —> question z.it96.C.LRF16
    Refuses to place it —> question z.it96.C.LRCCD1

z.it96.C.LRF12  z.it96.C.LRF16  (texts adapted to Forza Italia from questions z.it96.C.LRSelf1-
                         z.it96.C.LRSelf6)
And where would you place the Centro Cristiano Democratico-Cristiani Democratici Uniti (Ccd-Cdu): left, centre-left, centre, centre-right or right?

- Left → question z.it96.C.LRCCD2
- Centre-left → question z.it96.C.LRCCD3
- Centre → question z.it96.C.LRCCD4
- Centre-right → question z.it96.C.LRCCD5
- Right → question z.it96.C.LRCCD6
- Refuses to place it → question z.it96.C.LRPDS1

And where would you place the Partito Democratico della Sinistra (Pds): left, centre-left, centre, centre-right or right?

- Left → question z.it96.C.LRPDS2
- Centre-left → question z.it96.C.LRPDS3
- Centre → question z.it96.C.LRPDS4
- Centre-right → question z.it96.C.LRPDS5
- Right → question z.it96.C.LRPDS6
- Refuses to place it → question z.it96.C.LRRC1

And where would you place Rifondazione Comunista: left, centre-left, centre, centre-right or right?

- Left → question z.it96.C.LRRC2
- Centre-left → question z.it96.C.LRRC3
- Centre → question z.it96.C.LRRC4
- Centre-right → question z.it96.C.LRRC5
- Right → question z.it96.C.LRRC6
- Refuses to place it → question z.it96.C.LRPP11

And where would you place the Partito Popolare Italiano (Ppi): left, centre-left, centre, centre-right or right?

- Left → question z.it96.C.LRPP12
Centre-left —> question z.it96.C.LRPP13
Centre —> question z.it96.C.LRPP14
Centre-right —> question z.it96.C.LRPP15
Right —> question z.it96.C.LRPP16
Refuses to place it —> question z.it96.C.LRLegal1

z.it96.C.LRPP11 - z.it96.C.LRPP16 (texts adapted to Partito Popolare Italiano from questions z.it96.C.LRSelf1 - z.it96.C.LRSelf6)

z.it96.C.LRLegal1 And where would you place Lega Nord: left, centre-left, centre, centre-right or right?
  Left —> question z.it96.C.LRLegal2
  Centre-left —> question z.it96.C.LRLegal3
  Centre —> question z.it96.C.LRLegal4
  Centre-right —> question z.it96.C.LRLegal5
  Right —> question z.it96.C.LRLegal6
  Refuses to place it —> question z.it96.C.LRDini1

z.it96.C.LRLegal1 - z.it96.C.LRLegal6 (texts adapted to Lega Nord from questions z.it96.C.LRSelf1 - z.it96.C.LRSelf6)

z.it96.C.LRDini1 And where would you place Lista Dini: left, centre-left, centre, centre-right or right?
  Left —> question z.it96.C.LRDini2
  Centre-left —> question z.it96.C.LRDini3
  Centre —> question z.it96.C.LRDini4
  Centre-right —> question z.it96.C.LRDini5
  Right —> question z.it96.C.LRDini6
  Refuses to place it —> question z.it96.C.LRAN1

z.it96.C.LRDini1 - z.it96.C.LRDini6. (texts adapted to Lista Dini from questions z.it96.C.LRSelf1 - z.it96.C.LRSelf6)

z.it96.C.LRAN1 And where would you place Alleanza Nazionale: left, centre-left, centre, centre-right or right?
  Left —> question z.it96.C.LRAN2
  Centre-left —> question z.it96.C.LRAN3
  Centre —> question z.it96.C.LRAN4
  Centre-right —> question z.it96.C.LRAN5
  Right —> question z.it96.C.LRAN6
  Refuses to place it —> question z.it96.C.LRMSI1
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z.it96.C.LRAN1 - z.it96.C.LRAN6. (texts adapted to Alleanza Nazionale from questions z.it96.C.LRSelf1 - z.it96.C.LRSelf6)

z.it96.C.LRMSI1 And where would you place Fiamma Tricolore-Msi: left, centre-left, centre, centre-right or right?
   - Left —> question z.it96.C.LRMSI2
   - Centre-left —> question z.it96.C.LRMSI3
   - Centre —> question z.it96.C.LRMSI4
   - Centre-right —> question z.it96.C.LRMSI5
   - Right —> question z.it96.C.LRMSI6
   - Refuses to place it —> question C.ThermBerlusconi

z.it96.C.LRMSI1 - z.it96.C.LRMSI6 (texts adapted to Fiamma Tricolore from questions z.it96.C.LRSelf1 - z.it96.C.LRSelf6)

I shall now read you a list of national politicians. For each of them tell me whether you have ever heard of them and, if so, give them a score from 1 to 10 according to your opinion of them: 1 means a totally negative judgment and 10 means a totally positive judgment.

- C.ThermBerlusconi: Silvio Berlusconi (Forza Italia)
- C.ThermBertinotti: Fausto Bertinotti (Rif. Comunista)
- C.ThermBossi: Umberto Bossi (Lega Nord)
- C.ThermFini: Gianfranco Fini (Alleanza Nazionale)
- C.ThermProdi: Romano Prodi (Ppi)
- C.ThermD'Alema: Massimo D'Alema (Pds)
- C.ThermPannella: Marco Pannella (Lista Pannella/Sgarbi)
- C.ThermScalfaro: Oscar Luigi Scalfaro (President of Republic)
- C.ThermRipadiMeana: Carlo Ripa di Meana (Verdi)
- C.ThermRauti: Pino Rauti (Fiamma Tricolore-Msi)
- C.ThermCasini: Pierferdandino Casini (Ccd)

z.it96.L.Birth Were you born before 1930?
   - Yes —> question z.it96.E.FatherInt
   - No —> question z.it96.E.FatherInt2

(if question z.it96.L.Birth = 'Yes')

z.it96.E.FatherInt In the first years of the post-war period, that is around 1948, was your father very interested, somewhat interested, not very interested or not at all interested in politics?
   - Very much —> question z.it96.E.Father1D
   - Somewhat —> question z.it96.E.Father1D

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Not much —> question z.it96.E.FatherID
Not at all —> question z.it96.E.FatherID
 Doesn’t remember —> question z.it96.E.FatherID
 Didn’t have a father —> question z.it96.H.VotePSDIPre92

(if question z.it96.I.Birth = ‘No’)
z.it96.E.FatherInt2 When you were fourteen years old, was your father very interested, somewhat interested, not very interested or not at all interested in politics?
(same list as before)

(only if respondent knew (about) his father)
z.it96.E.FatherID Do you know whether or not your father tended to vote for a party, and what that party was?
Democrazia Cristiana
Partito Comunista Italiano
Partito Socialista Italiano
Lay parties (Partito Socialdemocratico Italiano, Partito Liberale Italiano,
Partito Repubblicano Italiano)
Movimento Sociale Italiano
Others
No (father voted for several parties)
Don’t know

(if respondent has never participated in an election before 1992 —> question C.PartyID)
Think for a moment about the parties you’ve voted for in the past, up to 1992, regardless of the type of election. For which parties, among the following, have you voted (at least once) and for which parties have you never voted?
(Never Voted, Voted, Don’t remember)
z.it96.H.VotePSDIPre92 Pdsi-Pri-Pli
z.it96.H.VotePSIPre92 Psi
z.it96.H.VotePCIPre92 Pci-Pds/Rifondazione Comunista
z.it96.H.VoteDCPre92 Dc
z.it96.H.VoteLegaPre92 Lega Nord
z.it96.H.VoteMSPre92 Msi

C.PartyID Is there a party to which you feel closer with respect to the others?
(Yes, No, Don’t Know)

(only if question C.PartyID = ‘Yes’)
C.PartyIDWhich Which one? (do not read response categories)
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Popolari (Ppi, Pri, Maccanico)
Prodi
Lista Dini-Rinnovamento Italiano (Patto Segni, Si, Ad, Md)
Democrazia Cristiana (Dc)
Partito Socialista Italiano (Ps)
Partito Democratico della Sinistra (Pds)
Rifondazione Comunista
Forza Italia
Centro Cristiano Democratico (Ccd)
Rocco Buttiglione’s Cristiani Democratici Uniti (Cdu)
Alleanza Nazionale
Lega Nord (Bossi)
Lista Pannella/Sgarbi
Verdi
Federazione Laburista/Cristiano-Sociali
Comunisti Unitari
Fiamma Tricolore-Msi
Other party
Polo
Ulivo
Berlusconi
Partito Comunista Italiano (Pci)

(only if question C.PartyID = "Yes")

C.PartyIDStrength  How close do you feel to this party?
Very close
Rather close
A sympathizer

H.Vote94Prop  For which party, among the following, did you vote in the March 27, 1994 national elections for the Chamber of Deputies (grey ballot, proportional quota)?
   (if necessary, read aloud response categories)
Partito Popolare Italiano
Patto Segni
Partito Democratico della Sinistra (Pds)
Rifondazione Comunista
Partito Socialista Italiano (Ps)
Forza Italia
Alleanza Nazionale/Msi
Lega Nord
Lista Pannella

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Verdi
Rete
Alleanza Democratica
Other party
Wasn’t old enough to vote —> question L.Religion
Blank/spoilt ballot
Did not vote —> question L.Religion
Doesn’t remember

(only if, according to answer to question H.Vote94Prop, respondent voted)

H.Vote94Maj Do you remember the party of the candidate for which you voted on March 27, 1994 in the majoritarian part of the Chamber of Deputies election (pink ballot)?
(if necessary, read response categories)
Progressisti
Patto per l'Italia
Polo della Libertà
Alleanza Nazionale
Blank/spoilt ballot
Don’t know / Doesn’t remember

L.Religion Religiously speaking, do you consider yourself Catholic, Christian but not Catholic, a non-believer, or do you belong to another denomination?
Catholic
Non-Catholic Christian
Non-believer
Other denomination

L.ReligFreq Could you please tell me how often you have gone to church during the last year?
At least once a week
Two-three times a month
Once a month
Two-three times a year
Never

Now I’m going to read a list of things that some people did during the last election campaign. For each of them please tell me whether or not you did them during the recent national elections.

z.it96.H.FollowCam Did you attempt to follow the political debates: often, occasionally or never?
Often
Occasionally
Never

Did you actively seek information about the candidates in your district?
Yes
No

Did you sign in favour of a candidate’s or party’s presence on the ballot?
Yes
No

During the recent election campaign were you contacted by a candidate?
Yes: (up to three answers allowed)
In person
By phone
By mail
No

When did you decide with certainty whom to vote for?
In the booth, when I filled in the ballot
In the last week preceding the election
A few weeks before the election
Much earlier

Did you vote during the national elections held last April 21st?
Yes
No —> question F.AsoTU

(only if question H.Turnout = ‘Yes’)
At about what time did you go to the polls?
Before 8 a.m.
8:01-9:00 a.m.
9:01-10:00 a.m.
10:01-11:00 a.m.
11:01-12:00 a.m.
12:01-1:00 p.m.
1:01-2:00 p.m.
2:01-3:00 p.m.
3:01-4:00 p.m.
4:01-5:00 p.m.
5:01-6:00 p.m.
6:01-7:00 p.m.
7:01-8:00 p.m.
8:01-9:00 p.m.
9:01-10:00 p.m.
Doesn’t remember

(only if question H.Turnout = 'Yes')
**z.it96.H.VoteAlone**  Did you go to the polls alone or were you in company?
- Alone
- Spouse or partner
- Son/daughter, nephew/niece
- Mother/father, uncle/aunt (ascendant)
- Other relative
- Group of family members or relatives
- Group of family members/relatives and friends/acquaintances

(only if question H.Turnout = 'Yes')
**z.it96.H.CandNameRecall**  Do you remember for which candidate you voted in the majoritarian part of the Chamber of Deputies election (pink ballot)?
- Yes, remembers
- No, doesn’t remember —> question **z.it96.H.VoteWhy**
- Cast blank or spoilt ballot —> question **z.it96.H.Vote961D**

(only if question **z.it96.H.CandNameRecall** = 'Yes, remembers' or 'No, doesn’t remember')
**z.it96.H.VoteWhy**  Did you vote for him/her mainly for the political group that presented him/her or mostly for his/her personal qualities?
- Political group presenting him/her
- Personal qualities
- Both

(only if question **z.it96.H.CandNameRecall** = 'Yes, remembers' or 'No, doesn’t remember')
**H.Vote96Maj**  Which list or political group did you actually vote for?
- Ulivo and Progressisti
- Polo per le Libertà
- Lega Nord
- Lista Pannella/Sgarbi
- Fiamma Tricolore-Msi
- Other

(only if question H.Turnout = 'Yes')
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H.Vote96Prop Which list or political group did you actually vote for?
- Popolari (Prodi, Maccanico, Ppi, Pri)
- Lista Dini-Rinnovamento Italiano (Patto Segni, Si, Ad, Md)
- Partito Democratico della Sinistra (Pds)
- Rifondazione Comunista
- Forza Italia
- Rocco Buttiglione’s Cristiani Democratici Uniti (Cdu)
- Alleanza Nazionale
- Lega Nord
- Lista Pannella/Sgarbi
- Verdi
- Fiamma Tricolore-Msi
- Other
- Blank/spoilt ballot -> question F.AsoTU
- Don’t know / doesn’t remember

(only if question H.Turnout = ‘Yes’ and if question H.Vote96Prop ≠ ‘Blank/spoilt ballot’)

z.it96.H.Vote96ID In the two votes you cast for the Chamber of Deputies election, in which do you identify yourself the most?
- Majoritarian ballot (pink ballot)
- Proportional quota (grey ballot)
- Both in the same degree

H.Vote96Senate Which list or political group did you actually vote for?
- Ulivo and Progressisti
- Polo per le Libertà
- Lega Nord
- Lista Pannella/Sgarbi
- Fiamma Tricolore-Msi
- Other
- Blank/spoilt ballot
- Didn’t vote

F.AsoTU I shall now read a list of associations. For each type of association could you tell me whether or not you are a member. Let’s start with trade unions: are you a member of a trade union?
- Member
- Not a member -> question F.AsoProf

To which trade union(s) do you belong?
- (no more than three answers)
z.it96.F.TUCGIL    Cgil
z.it96.F.TUCISL    Cisl
z.it96.F.TUUIL     Uil
z.it96.F.TUCISN    Cisnal
z.it96.F.TUAUT     Autonomous unions

F.AsoProf     Are you a member of a professional association?
               Member
               Not a member

Are you a member of...
F.AsoRelig    ... a religious association
F.AsoParty    ... a party or political movement
F.AsoSport    ... a sports clubs or association
F.AsoYouth    ... a youth association
F.AsoEcol     ... an environmentalist association
z.it96.F.AsoServ ... a voluntary association
F.AsoOther    ... other associations

z.it96.F.OrgMemb Therefore you a member of...
               One association —> question F.Aso1Freq
               Two or more associations
               No association —> question z.it96.F.TUAgree

(only if question z.it96.F.OrgMemb = 'Two or more associations')

F.Aso1        Considering the various associations of which you are a member, which is the most important for you?
               Trade union
               Professional association
               Religious association
               Party or political movement
               Sports club or association
               Youth association
               Environmentalist association
               Other association

(only if question z.it96.F.OrgMemb = 'One association' or 'Two or more associations')

F.Aso1Freq    How often do you participate in the meetings of the (most important) association to which you belong?
At least once a week
Two or three times a month
Once a month
Once every two or three months
Once or twice a year
Never

(only if question z.it96.F.OrgMemb = 'One association' or 'Two or more associations')

F.Aso1Cont When elections are held, some associations inform their members about some of the campaign issues. Did the association to which you belong do so?
Yes
No

(only if question z.it96.F.OrgMemb = 'One association' or 'Two or more associations')

F.Aso1Bias Did the association to which you belong support one of the political alliances or parties?
Yes
No --> question z.it96.F.TUAgree

(only if question F.Aso1Bias = 'Yes')

F.Aso1Part Which one?
Ulivo and Progressisti
Polo per le Libertà
Lega Nord
Other

z.it96.F.TUAgree I shall now read you a list of groups and organizations. Please tell me which one you feel is nearest to your opinions.
General trade unions
Big companies
Church
Small businessmen and craftsmen
Tradesmen, retailers
None of these

z.it96.F.TUOpos Which group or organization do you feel is farthest from your opinions?
(same list as before)

z.it96.F.TUBias In your opinion, did the general trade unions support one of the political alliances or parties?
Yes
No —> question z.it96.F.EmpBias
Don’t know —> question z.it96.F.EmpBias

(only if question z.it96.F.TUBias =‘Yes’)
z.it96.F.TUPart Which one?
Ulivo and Progressisti
Polo per le Libertà
Lega Nord

z.it96.F.EmpBias In your opinion, did the big companies support one of the political alliances or parties?
Yes
No —> question z.it96.F.SalesBias
Don’t know —> question z.it96.F.SalesBias

(only if question z.it96.F.EmpBias =‘Yes’)
z.it96.F.EmpPart Which one?
Ulivo and Progressisti
Polo per le Libertà
Lega Nord

z.it96.F.SalesBias In your opinion, did the tradesmen and retailers support one of the political alliances or parties?
Yes
No —> question z.it96.F.ChBias
Don’t know —> question z.it96.F.ChBias

(only if question z.it96.F.SalesBias =‘Yes’)
z.it96.F.SalesPart Which one?
Ulivo and Progressisti
Polo per le Libertà
Lega Nord

z.it96.F.ChBias In your opinion, did the Church support one of the political alliances or parties?
Yes
No —> question z.it96.F.SmEmpBias
Don’t know —> question z.it96.F.SmEmpBias
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(only if question z.it96.F.ChBias = 'Yes')

z.it96.F.ChPart Which one?

Ulivo and Progressisti
Polo per le Libertà
Lega Nord

z.it96.F.SmEmpBias In your opinion, did small businessmen support one of the political alliances or parties?

Yes
No ——> question z.it96.H.TurnoutInt
Don’t know ——> question z.it96.H.TurnoutInt

(only if question z.it96.F.SmEmpBias = 'Yes')

z.it96.F.SmEmpPart Which one?

Ulivo and Progressisti
Polo per le Libertà
Lega Nord

Now we would like to record your political attitudes as regards the future.

z.it96.H.TurnoutInt Suppose that in a few months’ time elections were to be called for the national parliament. Do you already have an idea of how you would vote on that occasion?

Yes
No ——> question z.it96.H.VoteNot
Don’t know ——> question z.it96.H.VoteNot

(only if question z.it96.H.TurnoutInt = 'Yes')

z.it96.H.VoteInt Is the party you intend to vote for the same party or the continuation of the party you’ve always (or almost always) voted for?

(e.g.: Dc=Ccd/Cdu or Ppi)

No, I’ve never voted for a party ——> question L.Age
No ——> question z.it96.H.VoteChange
Yes

(only if question z.it96.H.VoteInt = 'Yes')

z.it96.H.VoteSame Is this party the same party or the continuation of the party your family has always (or almost always) voted for?

Yes ——> question L.Age
No
Don’t know ——> question L.Age

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(only if question $z_{it96.H.VoteSame} = \text{"No"}$, then $\rightarrow$ question $L.Age$)

$z_{it96.H.VoteDiff}$  
Is this because you've changed your views with respect to your family's,  
or is it because your original family didn't have a definite outlook or a  
homogenous one?  
I have a different view  
There was no definite view in my family  
There was no homogeneous view in my family  
Don't know

(only if question $z_{it96.H.VoteInt} = \text{"No"}$, then $\rightarrow$ question $L.Age$)

$z_{it96.H.VoteChange}$  
Is this because you've never been committed to a stable or at least  
prevailing party, or is it because at one time you used to vote mainly for  
one party and later changed your views?  
Never had a stable reference point  
Had a main party and later changed views  
Don't know / no response

(only if question $z_{it96.H.VoteNot} = \text{"No"}$ or ‘Don’t know’)

$z_{it96.H.VoteNot}$  
Is this because you think that you wouldn't vote, or is it because you still  
need other elements and indications before you decide?  
Think I wouldn't vote $\rightarrow$ question $L.Age$  
Still need some elements and indications  
Don't know / no response $\rightarrow$ question $L.Age$

(only if question $z_{it96.H.VoteNot} = \text{"Still need some elements and indications"}$)

$z_{it96.C.WhatInfo}$  
What kind of information interests you most: about the people who will  
be candidates for the various parties, or about the policies the various  
parties intend to implement?  
Information about candidates  
Information about policies  
Don’t know / no response

$L.Age - L.Age2$  
Respondent’s age (in years)  
18-24 years  
25-34 years  
35-44 years  
45-54 years  
55-64 years  
65 or more years

$L.Education$  
Respondent’s level of education

21
Never attended school
Attended but didn't complete elementary school
Completed elementary school (at least 5 years)
Completed middle school (at least 8 years)
Professional diploma (at least 10 years)
Secondary school diploma (at least 12/13 years)
University degree

**L.Married**
What is your marital status?
Single
Married
Widow(er)
Separated
Divorced

**z.it96.L.WorkStat**
Are you currently employed or not?
Yes --> question L.WorkSector
No --> questions z.it96.L.WhyNoWork, z.it96.L.PastWork

(only if question z.it96.L.WorkStat = 'No')
**z.it96.L.WhyNoWork**
Why aren't you employed?
Student
Homemaker
Retired
Obligatory military service
Unemployed: formerly had a job and lost it
"Cassintegrato" (unemployed with subsidy)
Unemployed: looking for a job but has never had one
Invalid
Independently wealthy

(only if question z.it96.L.WorkStat = 'No')
**z.it96.L.PastWork**
Have you ever had a job in the past?
No --> question L.WorkSectorHH
Yes --> question L.WorkSector

(only if question z.it96.L.WorkStat = 'Yes' or question z.it96.L.PastWork = 'Yes')
**L.WorkSector**
In what economic sector do/did you work?
Agriculture, fishing, etc. (primary sector)
Industry, crafts (secondary or manufacturing sector)
Commerce, tourism and other private services

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Public administration and other public services

(only if question $z.\text{it96.L.PastWork} = \text{"No"}$)

$L.\text{WorkSectorHH}$ In what economic sector does/did the head of household work? (same list as before)

$L.\text{Supervise}$ Is/was it a job as an employee or is/was it an independent activity?

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(only if question $L.\text{Supervise} = \text{"Independent"}$)

$z.\text{it96.L.Occupation1}$ What kind of work is/was it?

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<td>13.5 Self-employed in agricultural sector</td>
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(only if question $L.\text{Supervise} = \text{"Independent"}$)

$L.\text{SuperMany}$ How many employees do you/did he have?

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(only if question $L.\text{Supervise} = \text{"Employee"}$)

$z.\text{it96.L.Occupation2}$ What was your/his position?

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*Combination questions z.it96.L.WorkStat, z.it96.L.WhyNoWork, z.it96.L.Occupation1 and z.it96.L.Occupation2: respondent’s occupational position*

**Employee:**
- Executive, manager
- Middle management
- Teacher
- White collar
- Clerical white collar
- Blue collar

**Independent:**
- Entrepreneur
- Craftsman, artisan
- Shopkeeper
- Free profession
- Assistant of self-employed family member
- Self-employed in agricultural sector (farmer, fisherman)
- Unspecified

**Not employed:**
- Student
- Housewife
- Retired
- Obligatory military service
- Unemployed: formerly had a job and lost it
- “Cassintegrato” (unemployed with subsidy)
- Unemployed: looking for a job but has never had one
- Invalid

**z.it96.L.FamSize** How many people make up your household (yourself included)?
- One
- Two
- Three
- Four
- Five
- Six or more

**z.it96.L.WhoHH** Are you the head of your household?
- Yes
- No

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z.it96.1.WhoWork  Not counting housework and voluntary activities, how many members of your household (yourself included) have a regular dependent or independent job?
No one
One
Two
Three
Four or more

z.it96.1.Children  Do you have children? If so, how many?
No
Yes:
One
Two
Three
Four or more

In conclusion, we would like to know a few things about the persons who are close to you. These questions are very important because they allow one to compare Italy with other countries we are studying.

E.SpouTalk  How often do you speak about politics with your wife/husband/companion?
Not married / not cohabiting —> [skip to question z.it96.E.Discuss]
Often
Fairly often
Rarely
Never

E.SpouAgre  When you discuss politics with your wife/husband/companion, how often do you find yourselves agreeing with each other?
Often
Fairly often
Rarely
Never

E.SpouKnow  Generally speaking, how well-informed is your wife/husband/companion about politics?
Very much
Somewhat
Not very much
Not at all
Don’t know / no response

25
E.SpouVote  For whom did your wife/husband/companion vote in the last election?
   Polo per le Libertà
   Ulivo and Progressisti
   Lega Nord
   Other
   Blank/spoilt ballot
   Didn’t vote
   Don’t know

z.it96.E.SpouEduc  What is your wife/husband/companion’s level of education?
   Completed elementary schooling / none
   Completed lower secondary schooling
   Completed higher secondary schooling
   University degree

z.it96.E.Discuss  Are there other people with whom you discuss important questions, besides your wife/husband/companion?
   Yes  [Ask following 7 questions]
   No  --> [skip to question L.Gender]

E.Discl  What type of relation is this person to you?
   Mother / father
   Son / daughter
   Other relative
   Colleague
   Neighbour
   Friend
   Other

E.Disc|Freq  How often do you discuss politics with this person?
   Often
   Sometimes
   Rarely
   Never

E.Disc|Agre  When you discuss politics, how often do you find yourselves agreeing with each other?
   (same list as before)

E.Disc|Know  Generally speaking, how well-informed is this person about politics?
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Very much
Somewhat
Not very much
Not at all
Don’t know / no response

**E.Disc1Part** For whom do you think he/she voted?
- Polo per le Libertà
- Ulivo and Progressisti
- Lega Nord
- Other
- Blank/spoilt ballot
- Didn’t vote
- Don’t know

**z.it96.E.Disc1Edu** What is this person’s level of education?
- Completed elementary schooling / none
- Completed lower secondary schooling
- Completed higher secondary schooling
- University degree

**z.it96.E.Discuss2** Is there anybody else with whom you discuss important things?
- Yes  [ask following 6 questions]
- No  [skip to question L.Gender]

**E.Disc2** What type of relation is this person to you?
- Mother / father
- Son / daughter
- Other relatives
- Colleagues
- Neighbour
- Friend
- Other

**E.Disc2Freq** How often do you discuss politics with this person?
- Often
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never
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**E.Disc2Agree**  When you discuss politics, how often do you find yourselves agreeing with each other?

(same list as before)

**E.Disc2Know**  Generally speaking, how well-informed is this person about politics?

- Very much
- Somewhat
- Not very much
- Not at all

**E.Disc2Part**  For whom do you think he/she voted?

- Polo per le Libertà
- Uilvo and Progressisti
- Lega Nord
- Other
- Blank/spoil ballot
- Didn’t vote
- Don’t know

**z.it96.E.Disc2Educ**  What is this person’s level of education?

- Completed elementary schooling / none
- Completed lower secondary schooling
- Completed higher secondary schooling
- University degree

**L.Gender**  Respondent’s sex

- Male
- Female

**z.it96.L.District**  Constituency

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(Province of residence)

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**z.it96.L.Region**  Area of residence

- North-west
- North-east
- Central Italy
- South
- Island
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\textbf{z.it96.L.Context} Geopolitical area
- Industrial area
- White area
- Red area
- Southern area

\textbf{z.it96.L.Habitat} Size of municipality
- Less than 5,000 inhabitants
- 5,001-10,000
- 10,001-30,000
- 30,001-100,000
- 100,001-250,000
- More than 250,000 inhabitants

\textbf{z.it96.L.SocialStatus} Social class (Respondent or HH)
- Bourgeoisie
- Clerical medium class
- Small urban bourgeoisie
- Small agricultural bourgeoisie
- Urban working class
- Agricultural working class

\textbf{z.it96.L.CaseID} \\
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\textbf{C.LRSelf} (ADD DESCRIPTION HERE, DISTINGUISHING FROM z.it96.C.LRSelf) \\
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C.LRLega \\
C.LRDini \\
C.LRAN \\
C.LRMSI