



TRI-POL: The triangle of polarization, political trust and political communication

Wave II Questionnaire in Italy

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FIRST SCREEN:

A few weeks ago you completed a survey on different topics about the political situation in your country. This is a continuation of that study. Your participation this second time is very important and will help us learn the opinions of people living in Italy regarding the current political situation and the functioning of democracy in the country. The problems and challenges of our political and social systems require a good study of citizens' opinions and therefore your attentive and dedicated participation is essential for this study and to understand the major problems of current democracies. Your answers will remain completely anonymous and will only be subject to statistical analysis together with those of the hundreds of other participants.

This is a survey designed by a group of national and international researchers as part of a project led by a professor at the Pompeu Fabra University, who is interested in studying the opinions of people like you on issues related to political, economic and social events. Thus, you will be part of a group of 1,000 people from all over Italy participating in this study.

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SECOND SCREEN

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[GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: ALL QUESTIONS esmP_X ARE MANDATORY. ALL QUESTIONS p_X FOLLOW THE SAME LOGIC AS WAVE 1. INCLUDE A VARIABLE THAT CALCULATES THE TIME SINCE THE END OF WAVE 1 AND WHEN WAVE 2 IS ANSWERED]

GAME 1

Before answering some questions, we would like to pair you with other respondents of this survey (real individuals) to measure different reactions to certain situations. However, you will never personally interact with these individuals. In addition, you will never know their identity and they will never know yours. The individuals you have been paired with live in Italy.

[NEXT SCREEN]

We invite you to take some decisions in a situation with “You” and “Individual 2”.

Individual 2, like you, received 5 points to participate in the study. You will not be told who this person is either during or after the survey (nor will that person be told anything about you).

Today, you will have the opportunity to send some, all, or none of your X 5 points to Individual 2. This person will then keep the points sent to them, if any, and you keep the remainder.

The situation is as follows:

- 1.) You must decide how many points (if any) you will send to Individual 2. Any amount you keep for yourself will be given to you.
- 2.) Whatever amount you send to Individual 2 will be tripled before it is passed on to him/her.
- 3) Individual 2 then has the option of returning any portion of this tripled amount to you.

For example:

- (a) If you send 1 point, Individual 2 will receive 3 points.
- (b) If you send 5 points, Individual 2 will receive 15 points.

[NEXT SCREEN]

To review, any number of points you send will be tripled and given to Individual 2. This person will keep the points you send them, minus the number of points they return to you. Your payoff in this scenario is the number of points that you kept for yourself, plus any points Individual 2 decide to return to you. Keep in mind that the points he/she will have depends on your initial decision.

To clarify how this situation works, consider the following examples:

If you send:	Individual 2 receives:	Individual 2 might return:	You receive: (5 - # sent + # returned)	Individual 2 receives: (5 + # received - # returned)
1 point	3 points	1 point	5 - 1 + 1 = 5 points	5 + 3 - 1 = 7 points

2 points	6 points	2 points	$5 - 2 + 2 = \mathbf{5 \text{ points}}$	$5 + 6 - 2 = \mathbf{9 \text{ points}}$
5 points	15 points	10 points	$5 - 5 + 10 = \mathbf{10}$ points	$5 + 15 - 10 = \mathbf{10}$ points
3 points	9 points	0 points	$5 - 3 + 0 = \mathbf{2 \text{ points}}$	$5 + 9 - 0 = \mathbf{14 \text{ points}}$
0 points	0 points	0 points	$5 - 0 + 0 = \mathbf{5 \text{ points}}$	$5 + 0 - 0 = \mathbf{5 \text{ points}}$

[NEXT SCREEN]

esmP8_2 Do you understand the situation and the outcome?

- Yes [GO ONTO THE NEXT SCREEN]
- No [RETURN TO THE INSTRUCTIONS]

[NEXT SCREEN]

esmP9_2 Referring to the type of situation we outlined above, suppose you gave 3 points, out of 5, to the other individual, how many points would the other individual receive for your decision?

- 9 (correct=1) [GO ONTO THE NEXT SCREEN]
- 5 (incorrect=0) [RETURN TO THE INSTRUCTIONS]
- 21 (incorrect=0) [RETURN TO THE INSTRUCTIONS]

esmP10_2 Now suppose the other individual returned 1 point to you, how many points would you end up with?

- 10 (incorrect=0) [RETURN TO THE INSTRUCTIONS]
- 15 (incorrect=0) [RETURN TO THE INSTRUCTIONS]
- 3 (correct=1) [GO ONTO THE NEXT SCREEN]

[NEXT SCREEN]

Now, we are going to invite you to interact with other respondents in this same study to give you the opportunity to share and obtain some additional points.

esmP0c_2. Would you like to participate in this interaction with other respondents?

1. Yes, I want to participate [PROGRAMMER: GO TO esmP11_2]
2. No, I do not want to participate [PROGRAMMER: "Thank you. We would still like to ask you a few questions and learn your opinions about politics in Italy." FOLLOW p1_2 THE REST OF QUESTIONS esm ARE CODED 999]

[NEXT SCREEN]

esmP11_2 Now that you understand the situation and the consequences of your decision, please select the amount of points you would like to send to Individual 2.

- 0
 - 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
 - 5
-

[NEXT SCREEN]

In a minute you will have opportunity to interact with other respondents of this survey, but first we would like to ask you a question and have you write about your opinions about politics in Italy.

[PROGRAMMER: START OF QUESTIONNAIRE FOR ALL OTHER RESPONDENTS (THOSE NOT SELECTED FOR THE EXPERIMENT AND HAVE CODED 999 FOR ALL QUESTIONS esmP_)]

p1_2 To begin with, to what extent are you interested in politics?

- 1 A lot
- 2 A fair amount
- 3 A little
- 4 Not at all

p3_IT_2 In your opinion, what is the main problem that currently exists in Italy?

[PROGRAMMER: RANDOMLY ROTATE THE ORDER OF THE TOPICS EXCEPT “OTHER” AND “DK” FOR EACH RESPONDENT]

- 1 The pandemic
- 2 Unemployment
- 3 Drugs
- 4 The healthcare system
- 5 Housing
- 6 Education
- 7 International terrorism (Islamic State/ISIS)
- 8 Corruption
- 9 Immigration
- 10 Brexit and EU integration
- 11 Violence against women
- 12 Political instability
- 13 The refugee crisis
- 14 Climate change
- 15 Pensions
- 16 Citizen insecurity
- 17 Taxes

- 18 Parties and politicians in general
 19 Tax evasion
 20 The economic situation
 21 Other _____

People associate democracy with various different meanings. In your opinion, for a society to be called democratic, please indicate how important each of the following aspects are.

[PROGRAMMER: ROTATE THE ORDER OF THE TOPICS AT RANDOM FOR EACH RESPONDENT, SEPARATED INTO SCREENS WITH 3-4 ITEMS FOR A TOTAL OF 2 SCREENS]

		Very important	Important	Somewhat important	Not important at all	Don't know
p5a_2	Freedom to criticize the government	1	2	3	4	888
p5b_2	Jobs for everyone	1	2	3	4	888
p5c_2	Free and fair elections	1	2	3	4	888
p5d_2	A small income gap between rich and poor	1	2	3	4	888
p5e_2	A free and uncensored media	1	2	3	4	888
p5f_2	Minorities rights Are protected	1	2	3	4	888
p5g_2	A rule by a majority	1	2	3	4	888

[PROGRAMMER: NOW RANDOMLY ASSIGN RESPONDENTS TO CONTROL, POLARIZED, NON-POLARIZED, GROUP-BASED FRAME, OR NON-GROUP-BASED FRAME ELABORATION TASKS]

esmP12_IT_2 Polarization and Populism

Randomly assign panelists to one of 5 treatment arms:

Jump to **GAME 2.....1 (control group)**

Jump to **POLARIZING treatment2**

Jump to **UNIFYING treatment3**

Jump to **POPULIST treatment4**

Jump to **NON-POPULIST treatment.....5**

RESPONDENTS ASSIGNED TO GAME 2 (CONTROL GROUP) GO DIRECTLY TO EITHER GAME 2 (1) OR GAME 2 (2) ACCORDING TO RANDOM SELECTION.

RESPONDENTS ASSIGNED TO POLARAZING, UNIFYING, POPULIST OR NON-POPULIST TREATMENTS FIRST ANSWER THE TREATMENT QUESTIONS AND THEN ARE RANDOMLY ASSIGNED TO GAME 2 (1) OR GAME 2 (2).

esmP13_2 POLARIZING.

*Thinking about [PROGRAMMER: put here the problem selected by each individual in p3_IT_2] in Italy, in at least a few sentences explain how differences between politicians and parties in Italy can make it more difficult to resolve.*_____

esmP14_2 UNIFYING elaboration task text:

*Thinking about [PROGRAMMER: put here the problem selected by each individual in p3_IT_2] in Italy, in at least a few sentences explain how similarities between politicians in Italy can make it easier to resolve.*_____

esmP15_2 POPULIST (Dispositional frame)

What groups or individuals do you think are most responsible for [PROGRAMMER: put here the problem selected by each individual in p3_IT_2]? (Please limit your response to a few words)

esmP16_2 POPULIST (Dispositional frame)

In at least a few sentences, explain why you think these groups or individuals are responsible and what should be done about them.

esmP17_2 NON-POPULIST (Situational frame)

What events or circumstances do you think are the main cause of [PROGRAMMER: put here the problem selected by each individual in p3_IT_2]? (Please limit your response to a few words)

esmP18_2 NON-POPULIST (Situational frame)

In at least a few sentences, explain why you think these events or circumstances have caused this and what should be done in response.

GAME 2 (1)**FOR THOSE RESPONDENTS RANDOMLY ASSIGNED TO GAME 2 (1)**

This situation is similar to the one we exposed you to before. Similarly, this situation is between "You" and another respondent in this survey (Individual 3).

Individual 3, like you, received 5 points to participate in the study. You will not be told who this person is either during or after the survey (nor will that person be told who you are). While Individual 3 will not know anything about you, we would like you to know the following about him/her:

Individual 3 is a supporter of [PROGRAMMER: PUT HERE THE *MOST LIKED POLITICAL PARTY SELECTED BY THIS INDIVIDUAL IN p33_X IN PHASE 1*, IF THE RESPONDENT HAS NOT ENTERED THAT QUESTION, SELECT THE ONE WITH THE HIGHEST RATING IN p36_X IN PHASE 1 AND IF THERE IS A TIE THERE, SELECT ONE AT RANDOM. IF THERE IS NO PREFERRED PARTY AT ALL, THEN CODE AS MISSING (ONLY IN THE EXPERIMENT, AND ONLY IN THE CASE THAT NO PARTY CAN BE USED).]

esmp19_2 When ready to make a decision, select the amount you would like to send to Individual 3.

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

GAME 2 (2)

FOR THOSE RESPONDENTS RANDOMLY ASSIGNED TO GAME 2 (2)

This situation is similar to the one we exposed you to before. Similarly, this situation is between "You" and another respondent in this survey (Individual 4).

Individual 4, like you, received 5 points to participate in the study. You will not be told who this person is either during or after the survey (nor will that person be told who you are). While Individual 4 will not know anything about you, we would like you to know the following about him/her:

Individual 4 is a supporter of [PROGRAMMER: PUT HERE THE LEAST LIKED POLITICAL PARTY SELECTED BY THIS INDIVIDUAL SELECT THE ONE WITH THE LOWEST RATING IN p36_X IN PHASE 1 AND IF THERE IS A TIE THERE, SELECT ONE AT RANDOM. IF THERE IS NO MOST-HATED PARTY, THEN CODE AS MISSING (ONLY IN THE EXPERIMENT, AND ONLY IN THE CASE THAT NO PARTY CAN BE USED).]

esmP20_2 Once you are ready to make a decision, select the amount of points you will give to Individual 4 from the options below.

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

Now we would like to ask you a few more questions.

There are many ways to govern a country. To what extent would you agree or disagree with the following?

[PROGRAMMER: ROTATE THE ORDER OF THE TOPICS AT RANDOM FOR EACH RESPONDENT, SEPARATED INTO SCREENS WITH 3-4 ITEMS ON EACH FOR A TOTAL OF 2 SCREENS]

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
p7a_2	Only one political party should be allowed to stand for election and hold office	1	2	3	4	5	888
p7b_2	The Parliament should be abolished so that we can have a strong leader running this country	1	2	3	4	5	888
p7c_2	The armed forces should govern the country	1	2	3	4	5	888
p7d_2	In times of national crisis, it's alright to prohibit a political party from participating in national elections	1	2	3	4	5	888
p7e_2	When the country lacks order the right to vote can be restricted	1	2	3	4	5	888
p7f_2	In the case of a national emergency I would approve of the government	1	2	3	4	5	888

	censoring the media						
p7g_2	In times of national crisis, I would approve of a law that prohibited public protests	1	2	3	4	5	888

Now we'll talk about aspects of your POLITICAL preferences. Remember again how important it is that you read the questions carefully and choose the answer that best fits what you think and feel. The results and quality of this international research depend on your effort and attention to answer.

p12_2 When talking about politics, people talk about "left" and "right". Can you please tell us where you would position yourself on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 means "left" and 10 means "right"?

[PROGRAMMER: VERTICAL ORIENTATION ON ALL DEVICES]

Left										Right	I prefer not to answer
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	888

PROGRAMMER: IF RESPONDENT GOES FORWARD WITHOUT ANSWERING, DISPLAY A MESSAGE THAT SAYS "IF YOU WILL ADVANCE WITHOUT ANSWERING THIS QUESTION, YOUR ANSWER WILL BE RECORDED AS "DON'T KNOW / DON'T ANSWER". DO YOU AGREE? WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS OF "YES" AND "NO".

How much do you identify with the following political/ideological labels?

		Very much	Somewhat	A little	Nothing	I don't know
p40a_2	Left	1	2	3	4	888
p40b_2	Right	1	2	3	4	888
p40c_2	Center	1	2	3	4	888

And where would you place each of the following political parties on this same left-right scale?

[PROGRAMMER: RANDOMLY ROTATE THE ORDER OF THE PARTIES FOR EACH RESPONDENT]

[PROGRAMMER: ON ALL DEVICES, RANDOMLY ROTATE FOR EACH RESPONDENT, VERTICAL ORIENTATION AND SEPARATE INTO SCREENS WITH TWO OR THREE ITEMS PER SCREEN].

		Left									Right	I don't know	
p13a_IT_2	PD (Partito Democratico)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	888
p13b_IT_2	LeU (Liberi e Uguali)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	888
p13c_IT_2	M5S (Movimento 5 Stelle)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	888
p13d_IT_2	Lega	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	888
p13e_IT_2	Fdl (Fratelli d'Italia)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	888
p13f_IT_2	IV (Italia Viva)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	888

p13g_IT_2	FI (Forza Italia)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	888
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We would also like to know your feelings about some groups of people in Italian society, using this thermometer.

Ratings between 60 and 100 mean that you have rather favourable feelings toward that group of people, with 100 being very favourable; while ratings between 0 and 40 mean instead that you have rather unfavourable feelings toward the group, with 0 being very unfavourable. If you do not have particularly favourable or unfavourable feelings toward a group, you should choose a 50 grade rating.

[PROGRAMMER: RANDOMLY ROTATE THE ORDER OF QUESTIONS FOR EACH RESPONDENT]

[VOTING GROUPS]

[PROGRAMMER: ON MOBILE DEVICES, RANDOMLY ROTATE ORDER FOR EACH RESPONDENT, VERTICAL ORIENTATION FOR MOBILE DEVICES AND SEPARATE INTO SCREENS].

		Unfavourable feelings			Indifferent			Favourable feelings	I don't know
p16a_IT_2	Partito Democratico voters	0	15	30	40	50	60	70	85
p16b_IT_2	Liberi e Uguali voters	0	15	30	40	50	60	70	85
p16c_IT_2	Movimento 5 Stelle voters	0	15	30	40	50	60	70	85
p16d_IT_2	Lega voters	0	15	30	40	50	60	70	85
p16e_IT_2	Fratelli d'Italia voters	0	15	30	40	50	60	70	85
p16f_IT_2	Italia Viva voters	0	15	30	40	50	60	70	85
p16g_IT_2	Forza Italia voters	0	15	30	40	50	60	70	85
p16m_2	Left-wing ideology voters	0	15	30	40	50	60	70	85
p16n_2	Voters who declare themselves centrist	0	15	30	40	50	60	70	85
p16o_2	Right-wing ideology voters	0	15	30	40	50	60	70	85

[PROGRAMMER: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF p41a_2 AND p41b_2. JUST PROVIDE THREE SEPARATE BOXES FOR EACH ADJECTIVE. ALLOW RESPONDENTS TO CHOOSE "I don't know" FOR EACH BOX. START THE LAST OF THE TWO QUESTIONS WITH "And can..."]

FOR MOST LIKED

p41a_2 Can you tell me the adjectives that best describe the voters of [MOST-LIKED PARTY]?

FOR LEAST LIKED

p41b_2 Can you tell me the adjectives that best describe the voters of [LEAST-LIKED PARTY]?

[LEADERSHIP GROUP]

And what are your feelings about these leaders?

[PROGRAMMER: ON MOBILE DEVICES, RANDOMLY ROTATE ORDER FOR EACH RESPONDENT, VERTICAL ORIENTATION FOR MOBILE DEVICES AND SEPARATE INTO SCREENS].

THIS SCALE FROM 0 TO 100 SHOULD BE A LINE SLIDER

		Unfavourable feelings				Indifferent				Favourable feelings	I don't know
p17a_IT_2	Enrico Letta	0	15	30	40	50	60	70	85	100	888
p17b_IT_2	Roberto Speranza	0	15	30	40	50	60	70	85	100	888
p17c_IT_2	Giuseppe Conte	0	15	30	40	50	60	70	85	100	888
p17d_IT_2	Matteo Salvini	0	15	30	40	50	60	70	85	100	888
p17e_IT_2	Giorgia Meloni	0	15	30	40	50	60	70	85	100	888
p17f_IT_2	Matteo Renzi	0	15	30	40	50	60	70	85	100	888
p17g_IT_2	Silvio Berlusconi	0	15	30	40	50	60	70	85	100	888

Now we would like to know your feelings toward some of these leaders. Specifically, how often has they made you feel the following emotions during the last 3 months?

[PROGRAMMER: RANDOMLY ROTATE THE ORDER OF QUESTIONS FOR EACH RESPONDENT]

[PROGRAMMER: ON MOBILE DEVICES, RANDOMLY ROTATE ORDER FOR EACH RESPONDENT, VERTICAL ORIENTATION AND SEPARATE INTO SCREENS WITH TWO OR THREE ITEMS PER SCREEN].

Enrico Letta

		Always	Most of the time	About half of the time	Occasionally	Never	I don't know
p17a1_IT_2	Hopeful	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17a2_IT_2	Proud	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17a3_IT_2	Angry	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17a4_IT_2	Fearful	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17a5_IT_2	Indifferent	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17a6_IT_2	Disgusted	1	2	3	4	5	888

Roberto Speranza

		Always	Most of the time	About half of the time	Occasionally	Never	I don't know
p17b1_IT_2	Hopeful	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17b2_IT_2	Proud	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17b3_IT_2	Angry	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17b4_IT_2	Fearful	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17b5_IT_2	Indifferent	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17b6_IT_2	Disgusted	1	2	3	4	5	888

Giuseppe Conte

		Always	Most of the time	About half of the time	Occasionally	Never	I don't know
p17c1_IT_2	Hopeful	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17c2_IT_2	Proud	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17c3_IT_2	Angry	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17c4_IT_2	Fearful	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17c5_IT_2	Indifferent	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17c6_IT_2	Disgusted	1	2	3	4	5	888

Matteo Salvini

		Always	Most of the time	About half of the time	Occasionally	Never	I don't know
p17d1_IT_2	Hopeful	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17d2_IT_2	Proud	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17d3_IT_2	Angry	1	2	3	4	5	888

p17d4_IT_2	Fearful	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17d5_IT_2	Indifferent	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17d6_IT_2	Disgusted	1	2	3	4	5	888

Giorgia Meloni

		Always	Most of the time	About half of the time	Occasionally	Never	I don't know
p17e1_IT_2	Hopeful	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17e2_IT_2	Proud	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17e3_IT_2	Angry	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17e4_IT_2	Fearful	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17e5_IT_2	Indifferent	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17e6_IT_2	Disgusted	1	2	3	4	5	888

Matteo Renzi

		Always	Most of the time	About half of the time	Occasionally	Never	I don't know
p17f1_IT_2	Hopeful	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17f2_IT_2	Proud	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17f3_IT_2	Angry	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17f4_IT_2	Fearful	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17f5_IT_2	Indifferent	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17f6_IT_2	Disgusted	1	2	3	4	5	888

Silvio Berlusconi

		Always	Most of the time	About half of the time	Occasionally	Never	I don't know
p17g1_IT_2	Hopeful	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17g2_IT_2	Proud	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17g3_IT_2	Angry	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17g4_IT_2	Fearful	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17g5_IT_2	Indifferent	1	2	3	4	5	888
p17g6_IT_2	Disgusted	1	2	3	4	5	888

FOR QUESTIONS p19a_2 TO p19f_2 [PROGRAMMER: DON'T KNOW...888 (GENERATED AUTOMATICALLY IF RESPONDENTS MOVE ON TO THE NEXT QUESTION WITHOUT ANSWERING AND AFTER INSISTING)]

FOR QUESTIONS p19a_2 TO p19f_2 [PROGRAMMER: IF RESPONDENTS GO FORWARD WITHOUT ANSWERING, DISPLAY A MESSAGE THAT SAYS "IF YOU WILL GO FORWARD WITHOUT ANSWERING ONE OF THE QUESTIONS ON THIS SCREEN, YOUR ANSWER WILL BE RECORDED AS "DOESN'T KNOW / DOESN'T ANSWER" FOR THAT QUESTION. DO YOU AGREE?" WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS "YES" AND "NO".]

[PROGRAMMER: ROTATE QUESTIONS RANDOMLY AND PRESENT THEM ON SEPARATE SCREENS]

How much do you trust each of the following political institutions...

[PROGRAMMER: PUT ON NEW SCREEN]

p19a_IT_2 ...the Italian Parliament

I don't trust it at all										Trust it completely
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

p19b_IT_2 ...the Italian government

[PROGRAMMER: PUT ON NEW SCREEN]

I don't trust it at all										Trust it completely
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

p19c_IT_2 ...the [Regional] Parliament of [PROGRAMMER: ITALIAN REGION]

[PROGRAMMER: PUT ON NEW SCREEN]

I don't trust it at all										Trust it completely
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

p19d_IT_2 ...the [Regional] government of [PROGRAMMER: ITALIAN REGION]

[PROGRAMMER: PUT ON NEW SCREEN]

I don't trust it at all										Trust it completely
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

p19e_IT_2 ...politicians in Italy

[PROGRAMMER: PUT ON NEW SCREEN]

I don't trust them at all										Trust them completely
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

p19f_IT_2 ...political parties in Italy

[PROGRAMMER: PUT ON NEW SCREEN]

I don't trust them at all										Trust them completely
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

p19g_IT_2 ...the Italian police

[PROGRAMMER: PUT ON NEW SCREEN]

I don't trust them at all										Trust them completely
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

p19h_IT_2 ...the Italian army

[PROGRAMMER: PUT ON NEW SCREEN]

I don't trust it at all										Trust it completely
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

p19i_IT_2 ...the Italian judicial system

[PROGRAMMER: PUT ON NEW SCREEN]

I don't trust it at all										Trust it completely
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

[Populism Attitudes Scale]

To what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
p39a_2 Politicians should always listen closely to the problems of the people.	1	2	3	4	5
p39b_2 Politicians don't have to spend time among ordinary people to do a good job	1	2	3	4	5
p39c_2 The will of the people should be the highest principle in this country's politics	1	2	3	4	5
p39d_2 The government is pretty much run by a few big interests looking out for themselves	1	2	3	4	5
p39e_2 Government officials use their power to try to improve people's lives	1	2	3	4	5

p39f_2 Quite a few of the people running the government are crooked	1	2	3	4	5
p39g_2 You can tell if a person is good or bad if you know their politics	1	2	3	4	5
p39h_2 The people I disagree with politically are not evil	1	2	3	4	5
p39i_2 The people I disagree with politically are just misinformed	1	2	3	4	5

There are many political parties in Italy that would like to count on your vote. What is the likelihood that you would ever vote for one of the following political parties?

		Not at all likely								Extremely likely	I don't know
p36a_IT_2	M5S (Movimento 5 Stelle)	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
p36b_IT_2	PD (Partito Democratico)	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
p36c_IT_2	Lega	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
p36d_IT_2	FI (Forza Italia)	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
p36e_IT_2	FdI (Fratelli d'Italia)	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
p36f_IT_2	LeU (Liberi e Uguali)	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
p36g_IT_2	IV (Italia Viva)	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
										10	888

p37_IT_2 Which party would you vote for if the next general election was taking place tomorrow?

M5S (Movimento 5 Stelle) (1)

PD (Partito Democratico) (2)

Lega (3)

FI (Forza Italia) (4)

FdI (Fratelli d'Italia) (5)

LeU (Liberi e Uguali)

(6)

IV (Italia Viva) (7)

Other _____ (13)

Blank vote (20)

I would not vote (21)

I do not have the right to vote (22)

I don't know (23)

I prefer not to say (24)

(DON'T SHOW THE PARTY SELECTED IN p37_IT_2)

p40_IT_2 And are there any parties that you would never vote for?

M5S (Movimento 5 Stelle) (1)

PD (Partito Democratico) (2)

Lega (3)

FI (Forza Italia) (4)

FdI (Fratelli d'Italia) (5)

LeU (Liberi e Uguali)

(6)

IV (Italia Viva) (7)

Other _____(15)

I do not have the right to vote (22)

I don't know (23)

I prefer not to say (24)

Now we would like to know how much you trust various groups of people. For each, indicate the extent to which you trust the people in that group on a scale of 0 to 10.

[PROGRAMMER: RANDOMLY ROTATE THE ORDER OF QUESTIONS FOR EACH RESPONDENT]

[PROGRAMMER: ON MOBILE DEVICES, RANDOMLY ROTATE ORDER FOR EACH RESPONDENT, VERTICAL ORIENTATION AND SEPARATE INTO SCREENS WITH TWO OR THREE ITEMS PER SCREEN].

		I don't trust them at all										Complete trust
p18a_2	Your family	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
p18b_2	Your neighbours	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
p18c_2	People you know	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
p18d_2	People you meet for the first time	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
p18e_2	People you are in touch with exclusively on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
p18f_2	People of another religion	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

p20a_2 In general, would you say that you can trust most people, or that you can never be too careful in dealing with others? Please place yourself on the following scale from 0 to 10.

[PROGRAMMER: ON MOBILE DEVICES, VERTICAL ORIENTATION]

You can never be too careful										Most people can be trusted
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

p20b_2 And do you think that most people would try to take advantage of you if they could, or that they would be honest with you?

[PROGRAMMER: ON MOBILE DEVICES, VERTICAL ORIENTATION]

Most people would try to take advantage of me										Most people would be honest with me
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

p20c_2 Would you say that most of the time people try to help others or that they mainly look out for themselves?

[PROGRAMMER: ON MOBILE DEVICES, VERTICAL ORIENTATION]

Most of the time people look out for themselves										Most of the time people try to help others
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

[PROGRAMMER: IF RESPONDENT ADVANCES WITHOUT ANSWERING, PRESENT A MESSAGE THAT SAYS "If you advance without answering this question, your answer will be recorded as "Don't know / Don't answer", do you agree?" With response options "ACCEPT" and "CANCEL".

TO ALL RESPONDENTS

In your opinion, how often do you think that there is fake news...

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	I don't know
p31a_2 On television, radio, newspapers and online newspapers	1	2	3	4	5	888
p31b_2 On social media (like Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5	888
p31c_2 On messaging apps	1	2	3	4	5	888
p31d_2 In face-to-face conversations	1	2	3	4	5	888

Specifically, in managing personal relationships on social media in the last two months have you ever tried or experienced the following:

	Yes	No	I don't remember
p32a_2 Stopped following, blocked or excluded someone from your contacts for reasons related to politics or political issues	1	2	888
p32b_2 Decided not to publish political content for fear of offending someone or exposing yourself too much	1	2	888
p32c_2 Intervened in a political conversation to make fun of someone, to disturb or to give irrelevant information	1	2	888

[PROGRAMMER: ALL RESPONDENTS]

Now we'll talk about aspects of your political preferences. Remember again the importance of reading the questions carefully and choosing the answer that best fits your thoughts and opinions. The results and quality of this international research depend on your efforts and attention to detail.

p33_2 Regardless of the party or candidate you intend to vote for, do you consider yourself close to any political party?

1 Yes [GO TO p33a_2]

2 No [PROGRAMMER: TAKE A SUBSET OF PARTICIPANTS TO TRUST GAME, PLAYER 2. ALL OTHER RESPONDENTS ANSWERING "NO" GO TO s8_2]

[PROGRAMMER: QUESTIONS TO p33j_2 Only IF 1 ON p33_2. CODE 999 FOR THE OTHERS] SIMPLE ANSWER

p33a_IT_2 Which one?

1 M5S (Movimento 5 Stelle)

2 PD (Partito Democratico)

3 Lega

4 FI (Forza Italia)

5 FdI (Fratelli d'Italia)

6 Articolo Uno (Liberi e Uguali)

7 IV (Italia Viva)

11 Others _____

p33b_2 And how close do you feel to this party?

3 Very close

2 Somewhat close

1 Not very close

0 Not at all close

[PROGRAMMER: ONLY FOR THOSE WHO SELECTED A PARTY IN p33a_2. PLEASE ROTATE ALL ITEMS FROM p33c_2

TO p33j_2]

Now I would like to know to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding the party to which you feel close.

[IF p33a_2 IS DIFFERENT FROM 888]

p33c_2 When I speak about this party, I usually say “we” instead of “they”.

Completely disagree										Completely agree
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

p33d_2 I am interested in what other people think about this party.

Completely disagree										Completely agree
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

p33e_2 When people criticize this party, it feels like a personal insult.

Completely disagree										Completely agree
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

p33f_2 I have a lot in common with other supporters of this party.

Completely disagree										Completely agree
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

p33g_2 If this party does badly in the opinion polls, my day is ruined.

Completely disagree										Completely agree
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

p33h_2 When I meet someone who supports this party, I feel connected with this person.

Completely disagree										Completely agree
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

p33i_2 When I speak about this party, I refer to them as “my party”.

Completely disagree										Completely agree
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

p33j_2 When people praise this party, it makes me feel good.

Completely disagree										Completely agree
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Finally, for a subset to play the role of players 2s—this is to remove deception from the game. Only need an anonymous game—no treatments.

[Trust Game, Player 2] ALL RESPONDENTS

Finally, we would now like to ask you to interact one last time with another participant in this study.

In this interaction there are two participants: Participant 1 and Participant 2. *You are Participant 2.*

Participant 1, like you, received 5 points for participating in the study. You will not know who this person is during or after the study, and that person will not be told who you are either.

Participant 1 was given the option to send you some, none, or all of their 5 points. If Participant 1 sends any points to you, those points will be tripled. You will then have the option of returning to Participant 1 some, none, or all of your points.

The interaction unfolds as follows:

- 1) You receive the points that Participant 1 sent you, multiplied by three.
- 2) Then, you must decide how many points you are going to send to Participant 1, if any. You will keep the points that you do not send.

To clarify how the interaction works, consider the following examples:

If Participant 1 sends:	You receive	If you decide to return:	Participant 1 receives: $(5 - \# \text{ sent} + \# \text{ returned})$	At the end, you receive: $(5 + \# \text{ received} - \# \text{ returned})$
1 point	3 points	1 point	$5 - 1 + 1 = 5 \text{ points}$	$5 + 3 - 1 = 7 \text{ points}$
2 points	6 points	2 points	$5 - 2 + 2 = 5 \text{ points}$	$5 + 6 - 2 = 9 \text{ points}$
2 points	6 points	4 points	$5 - 2 + 4 = 7 \text{ points}$	$5 + 6 - 4 = 7 \text{ points}$
3 points	9 points	3 points	$5 - 3 + 3 = 5 \text{ points}$	$5 + 9 - 3 = 11 \text{ points}$
4 points	12 points	5 points	$5 - 4 + 5 = 6 \text{ points}$	$5 + 12 - 5 = 12 \text{ points}$
5 points	15 points	7 points	$5 - 5 + 7 = 7 \text{ points}$	$5 + 15 - 7 = 13 \text{ points}$
0 points	0 points	0 points	$5 - 0 + 0 = 5 \text{ points}$	$5 + 0 - 0 = 5 \text{ points}$

esmP21_2 Do you understand how this interaction works?

- Yes [GO ONTO THE NEXT SCREEN]
- No [RETURN TO THE INSTRUCTIONS]

[NEXT SCREEN]

esmP22_2 Regarding the type of interaction explained above, suppose Participant 1 sends you 2 points (which are tripled). How many points will you have after receiving those points from Participant 1?

- 3 [RETURN TO THE INSTRUCTIONS]
- 6 [RETURN TO THE INSTRUCTIONS]
- 11 [correct answer] [GO ONTO THE NEXT SCREEN]

Correct answer [FILTER: GO ONTO THE NEXT SCREEN]

Incorrect answer [FILTER: "The answer is not correct. Please check the instructions again."]

[NEXT SCREEN]

Now that you understand the interaction, we would like you to tell us how many points you would return to Participant 1 depending on how many points Participant 1 sends you. Your answers to this interaction will be checked against the decisions made by a real person who is Participant 1. As Participant 1 you can send any number of points between 0 and 5 to you (and you will receive that amount in triplicate), we want you to tell us how many points you would return in each situation, if at all.

esmP23_2 Please indicate your options in the table below.

If Participant 1 sends:	You receive:	You have in total:	How many points, if any, you want to return to Participant 1?
0 points	0 points	5 points	
1 point	3 points	8 points	
2 points	6 points	11 points	
3 points	9 points	14 points	
4 points	12 points	17 points	
5 points	15 points	20 points	

[IF THE RESPONDENT CHOOSES A VALUE WITHIN THESE RANGES FOR EACH BOX, GO TO esmP24_2, AND SIGNAL THE SPECIFIC ANSWER(S) TO WHICH IT APPLIES]

- 0 → Any answers ranging 3-5
- 1 → Any answers ranging 5-8
- 2 → Any answers ranging 6-11
- 3 → Any answers ranging 8-14
- 4 → Any answers ranging 9-17
- 5 → Any answers ranging 11-20

esmP24_2 You are making the decision to give away more than half of your accumulated points.
Are you sure of your decision?

- Yes [CONTINUE TO s8_2]
- No [RETURN TO esmP23_2]

To finish this survey, we would like to ask four additional basic questions about other aspects of your current situation.

s8_2 Which best describes your situation in the last seven days? Please choose only one of the following options.

- 1 Employed, but on temporary leave (includes temporary maternity/paternity leave, accident, illness or holidays).
2. Employed (full time or part-time).
3. Self-employed professional.
4. Owner of a small personal or family business.
5. Studying, even if you have been on holiday (includes company-paid training)
6. Unemployed and actively seeking work
7. Unemployed, wanting to find a job but not actively looking for one
8. Chronically ill or permanently disabled
9. Retired
10. Homemaker, stay-at-home parent, or caregiver

s9_2 Which of the statements below best describes how you feel about your current household income?

- 1 With our current income we live comfortably
- 2 With our current income we get by
- 3 With our current income we have difficulties
- 4 With our current income we have many difficulties

s10_2 Have you been fired or let go from your primary employment at any time in the past year?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

Currently, to what extent do you feel concerned about...

[PROGRAMMER: ROTATE ORDER RANDOMLY FOR EACH RESPONDENT]

		Not at all concerned	A bit concerned	Quite concerned	Very concerned
s11a_2	Paying your household bills	0	1	2	3
s11b_2	Having to reduce your standard of living	0	1	2	3
s11c_2	Having a job	0	1	2	3
s11d_2	Paying off loans from the bank or paying mortgage bills	0	1	2	3