## Chapter 6. "Historical Political Cleavages and Post-Crisis Transformations in Italy, Spain, Portugal and Ireland, 1958-2020"

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100% Christian Democracy Conservatives/Liberals (UDC,FI, etc.) 90% Soc. Democrats/Socialists (PD,PDS,etc.) Soc. Democrats (PSU,PSDI) 80% Communists/Socialists (PCI,PSI) Communists/Greens 70% Italian Social Movement -Fratelli d'Italia Share of popular vote (%) Lega Nord -Five Star Movement 60% 50% 40% 30%

Figure A1 - Election results in Italy, 1948-2018

**Source**: authors' computations using official election results.

1963

20%

10%

0%

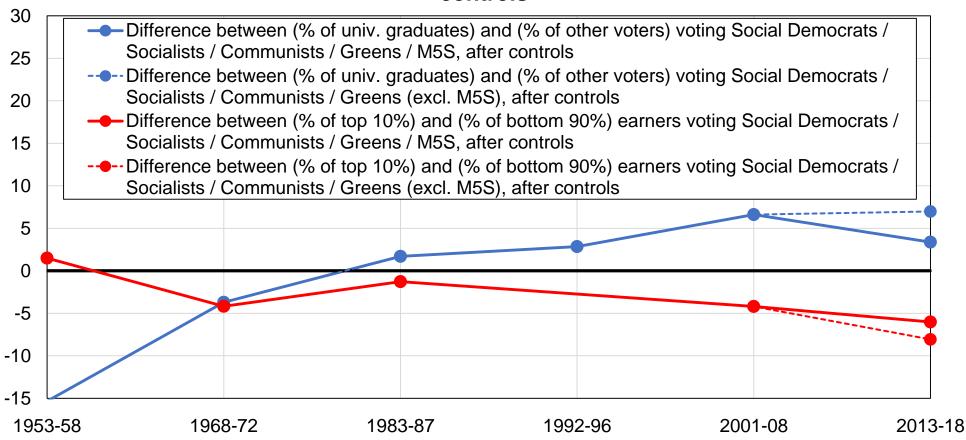
1953

1958

Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by selected groups of Italian political parties in general elections between 1948 and 2018.

1968 1973 1978 1983 1988 1993 1998 2003 2008 2013 2018

Figure A2 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S among university graduates and top income earners in Italy, after controls

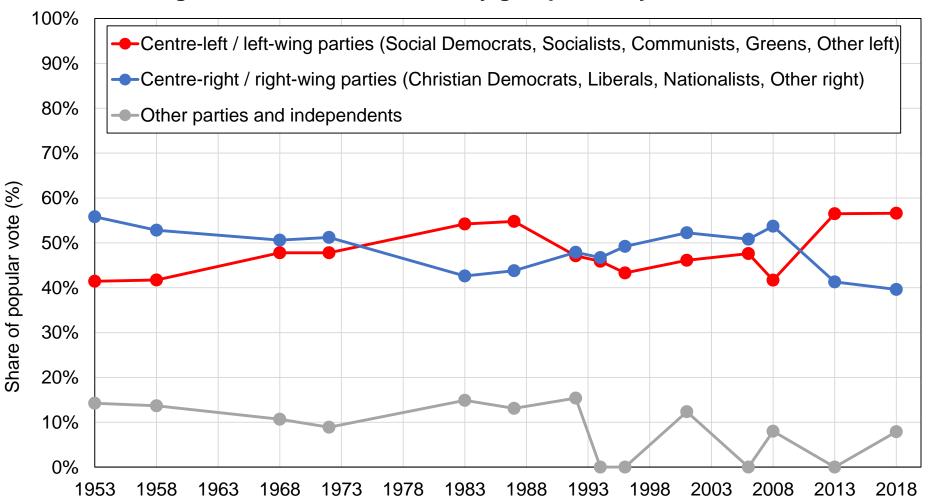


**Note**: the figure shows the difference between the share of university graduates and top-income voters and the share of other voters voting for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S, after controlling for age, gender, religious affiliation, religiosity, employment and marital status, union membership, perceived social class, urban-rural location and region.

Table A1 - The structure of political cleavages in Italy, 2018								
	Share of votes received (%)							
	Socialists / Soc. Democrats	Lega	Conservatives / Liberals	Fratelli d'Italia	M5S			
Education								
Primary	16%	29%	19%	1%	33%			
Secondary	24%	22%	7%	5%	38%			
Tertiary	34%	14%	10%	7%	30%			
Income								
Bottom 50%	33%	18%	9%	5%	31%			
Middle 40%	24%	20%	8%	6%	38%			
Top 10%	12%	28%	12%	4%	42%			
Age								
20-40	28%	16%	8%	5%	39%			
40-60	25%	21%	9%	5%	35%			
60+	32%	23%	10%	6%	26%			
Religion								
Never	33%	16%	7%	3%	36%			
Less than monthly	23%	25%	8%	8%	34%			
Monthly or more	20%	17%	7%	10%	45%			
Region								
North	30%	29%	9%	4%	24%			
Center	28%	18%	9%	7%	33%			
South	23%	8%	8%	6%	51%			
Islands	22%	8%	11%	6%	51%			

**Notes**: the table shows the average share of votes received by the Socialists/Social Democrats/Green, New Communists, Lega, Christian Democrats/Liberals, Fratelli d'Italia and the 5 Stars Movement over the 2018 period.

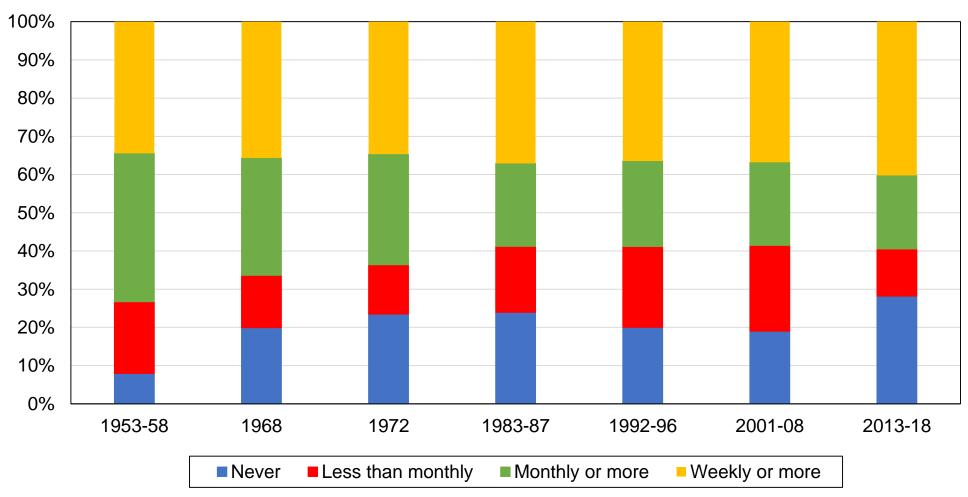
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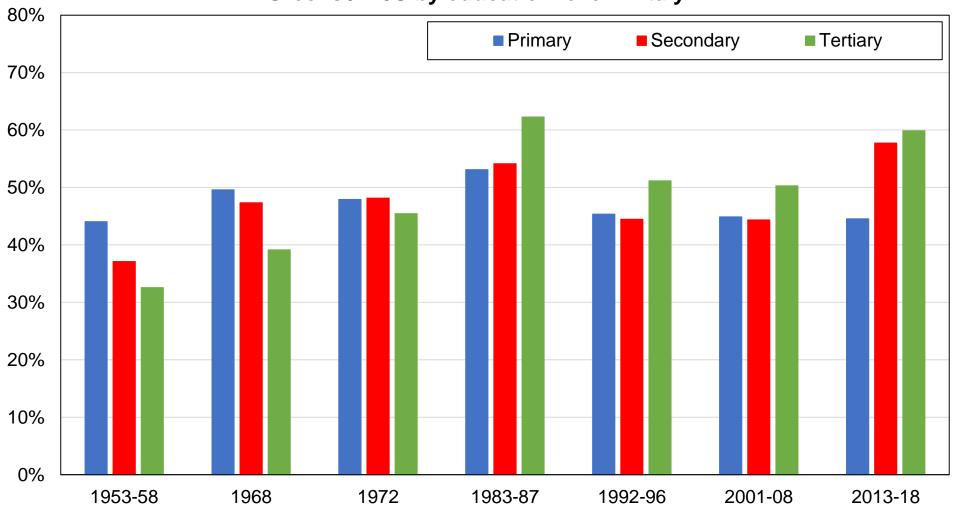
**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by selected groups of Italian political parties in presidential elections between 1968 and 2018.

Figure AA2 - Composition of the electorate by church attendance



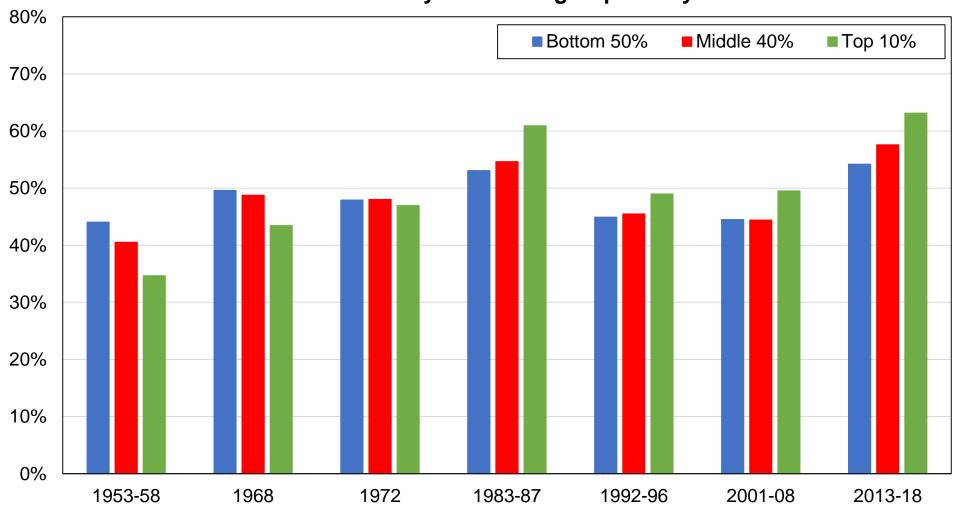
**Note**: the figure shows the distribution of church attendance of the Italian adult population and its evolution over time since the 1950s.

Figure AB1 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S by education level in Italy



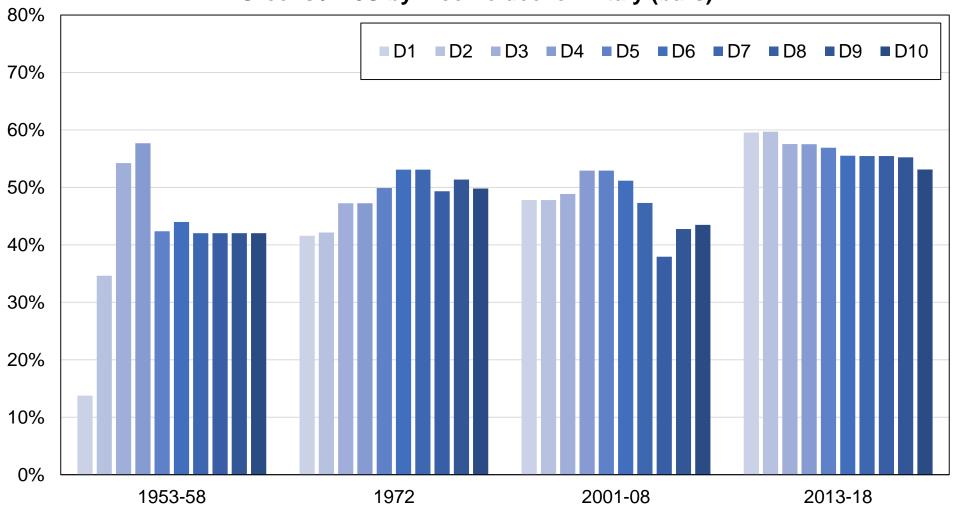
**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by left-wing parties by education level.

Figure AB2 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S by education group in Italy



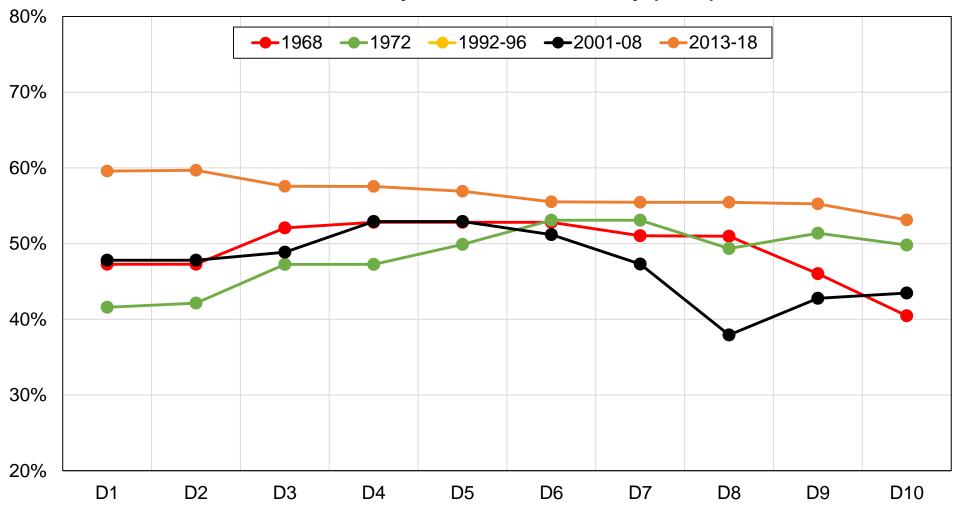
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by left-wing parties by education group.

Figure AB3 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S by income decile in Italy (bars)



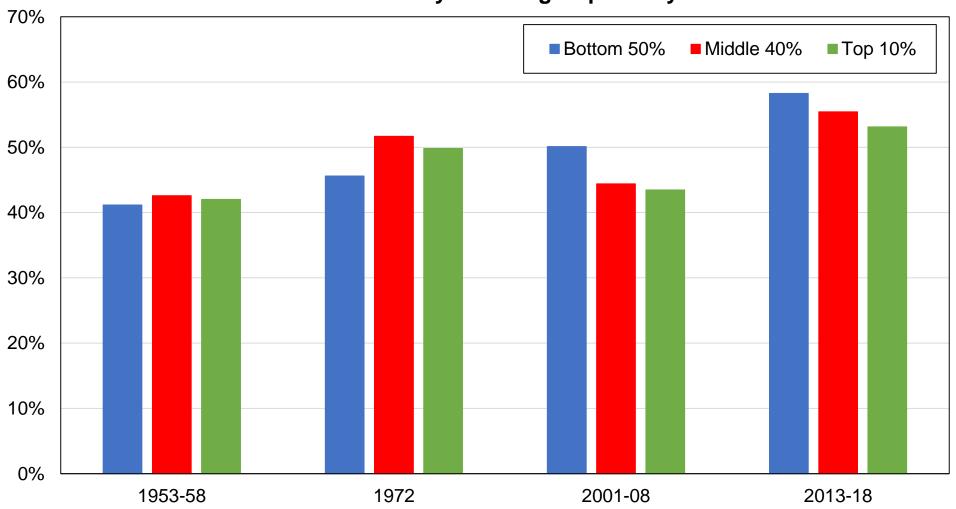
**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by left-wing parties by income decile.

Figure AB4 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S by income decile in Italy (lines)



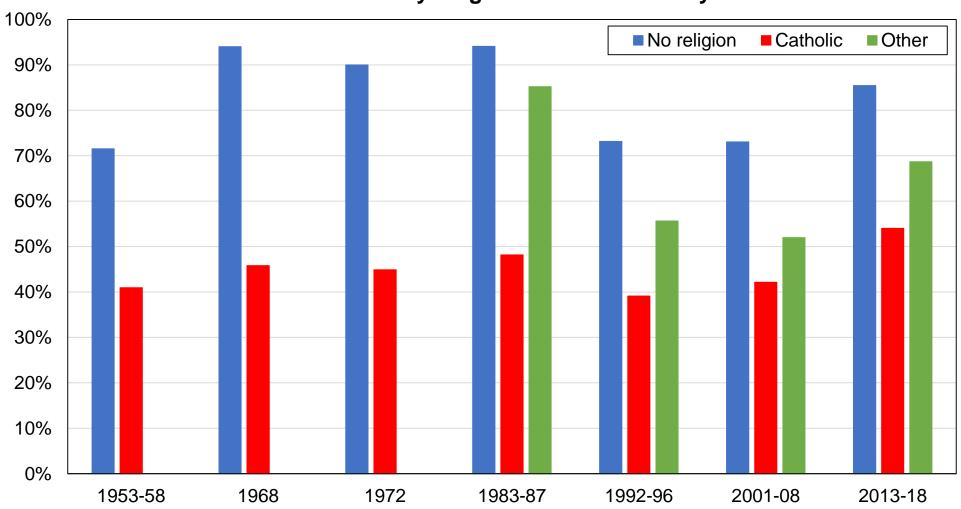
**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by left-wing parties by income decile.

Figure AB5 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S by income group in Italy



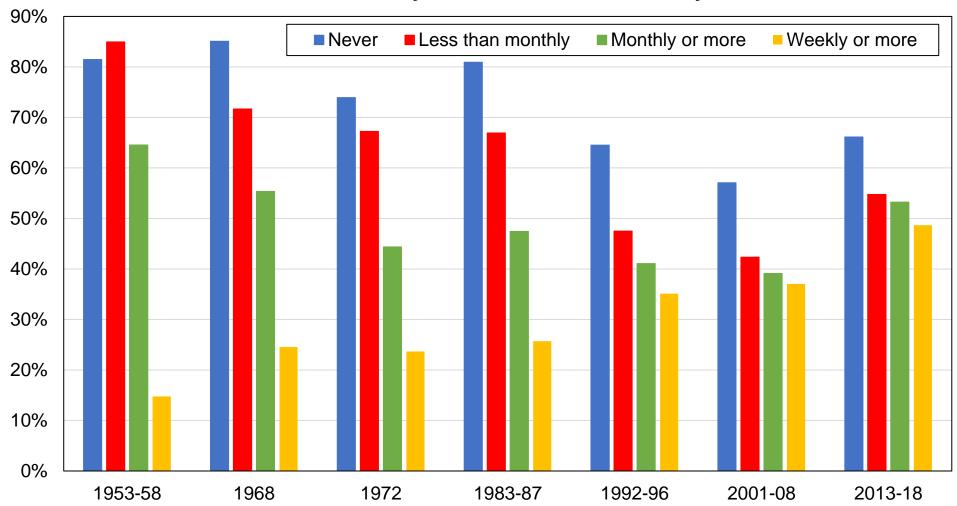
**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by left-wing parties by income group.

Figure AB6 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S by religious affiliation in Italy



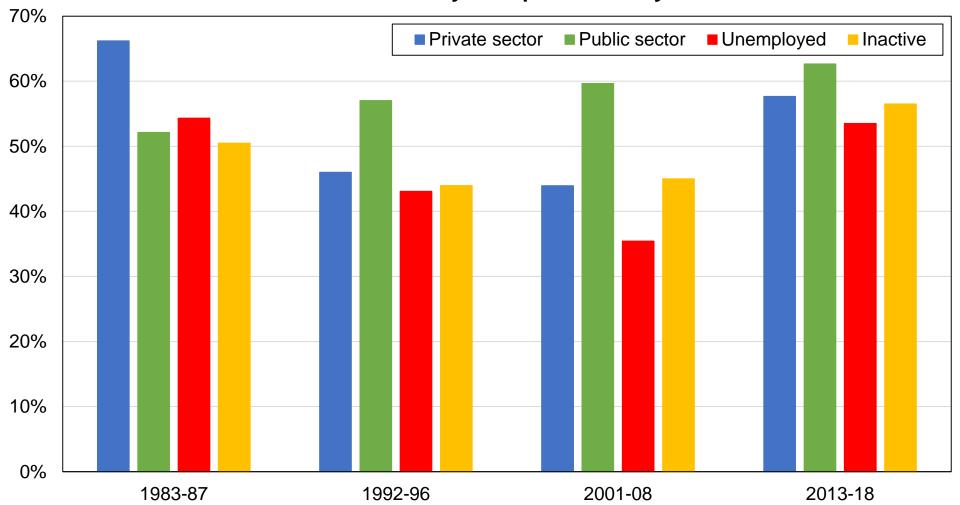
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by left-wing parties by religious affiliation.

Figure AB7 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S by church attendance in Italy



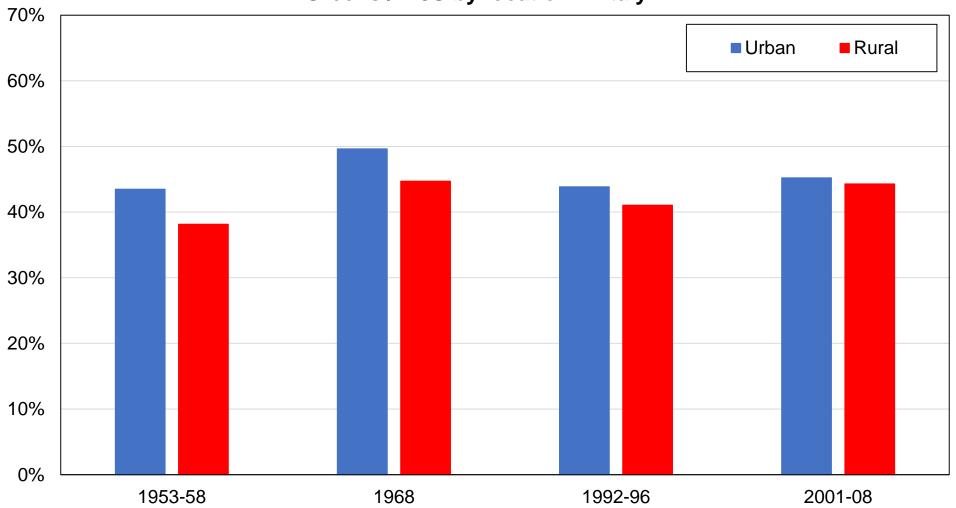
**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by left-wing parties by frequency of church attendance.

Figure AB8 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S by occupation in Italy



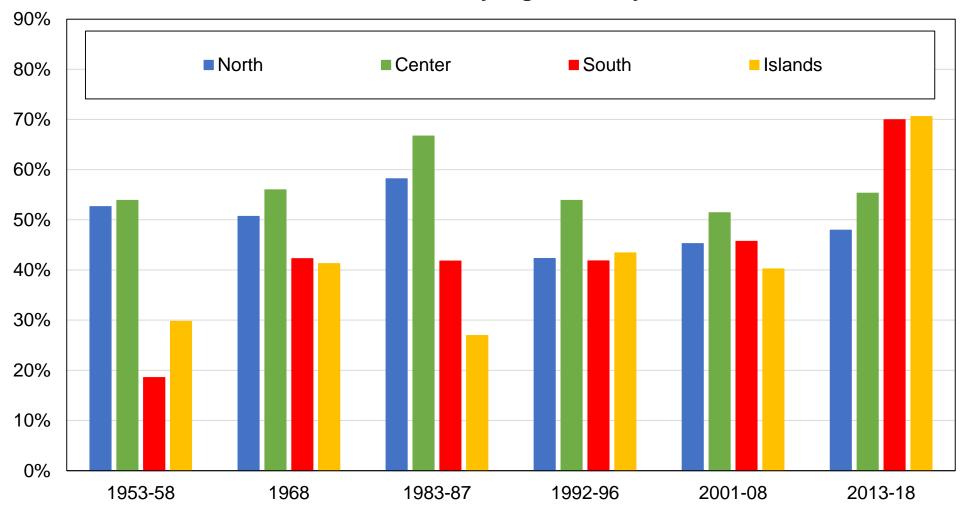
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by left-wing parties by occupation.

Figure AB9 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S by location in Italy



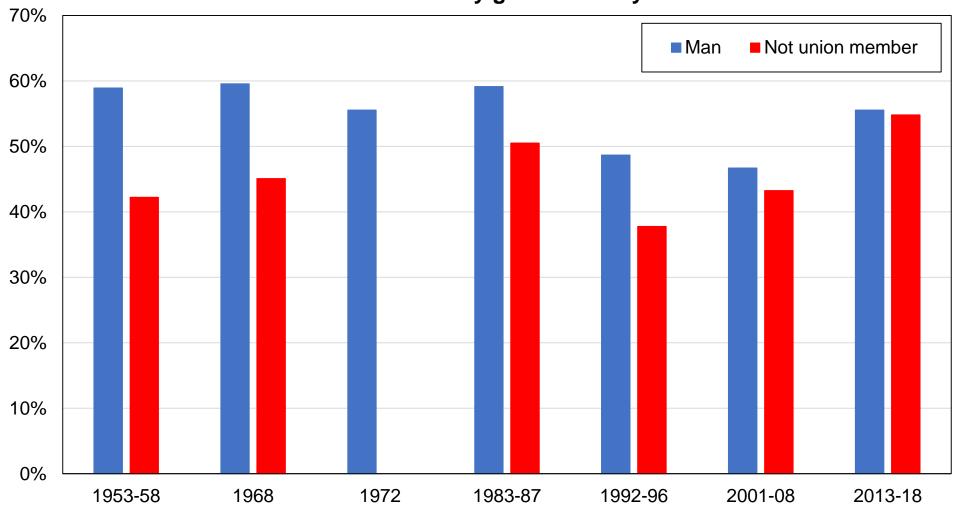
**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by left-wing parties by rural-urban location.

Figure AB10 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S by region in Italy



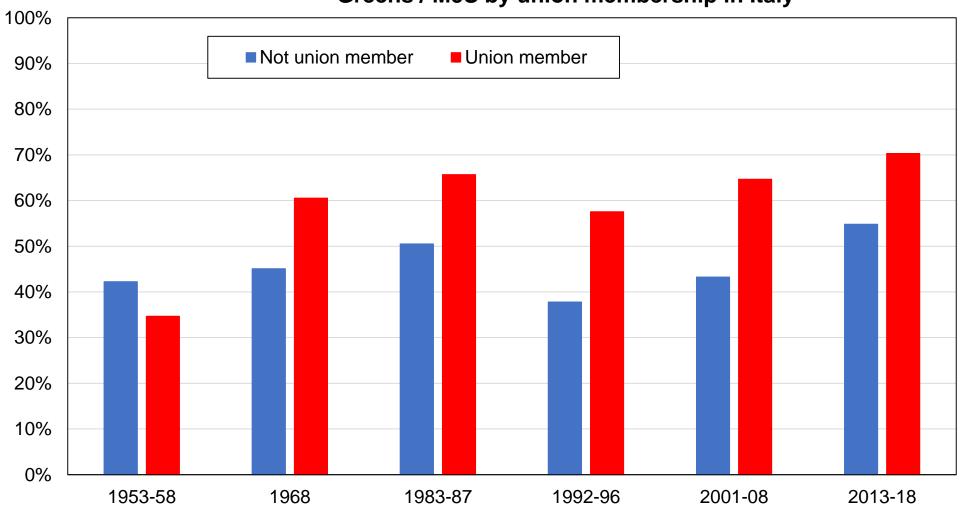
**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by left-wing parties by state of residence.

Figure AB11 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S by gender in Italy



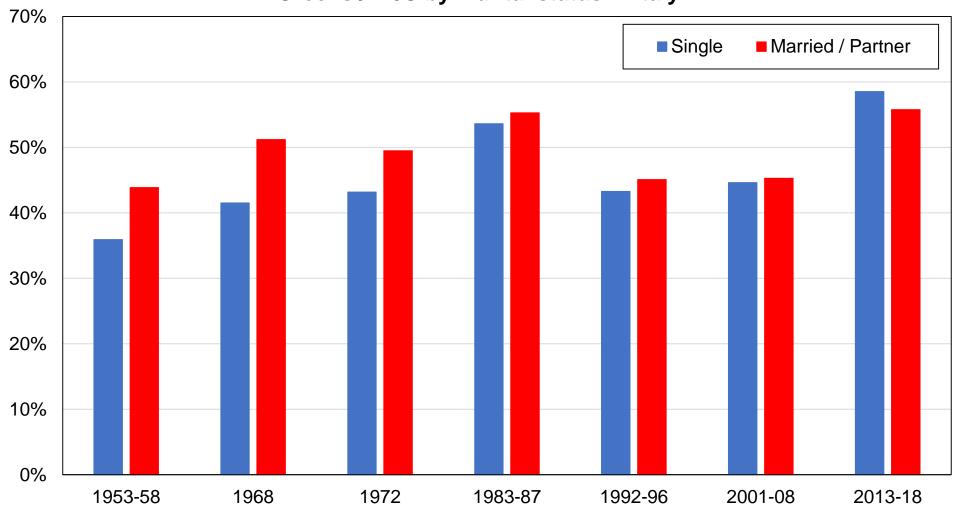
**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by left-wing parties by gender.

Figure AB12 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S by union membership in Italy



Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by left-wing parties by union membership status.

Figure AB13 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S by marital status in Italy



Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by left-wing parties by marital status.

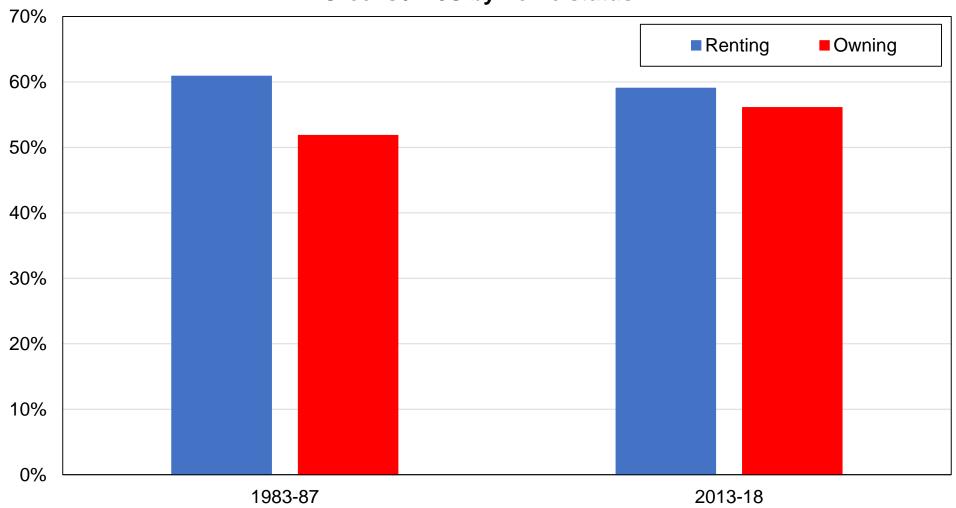
Figure AB14 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S by perceived social class in Italy



**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by left-wing parties by self-perceived social class.

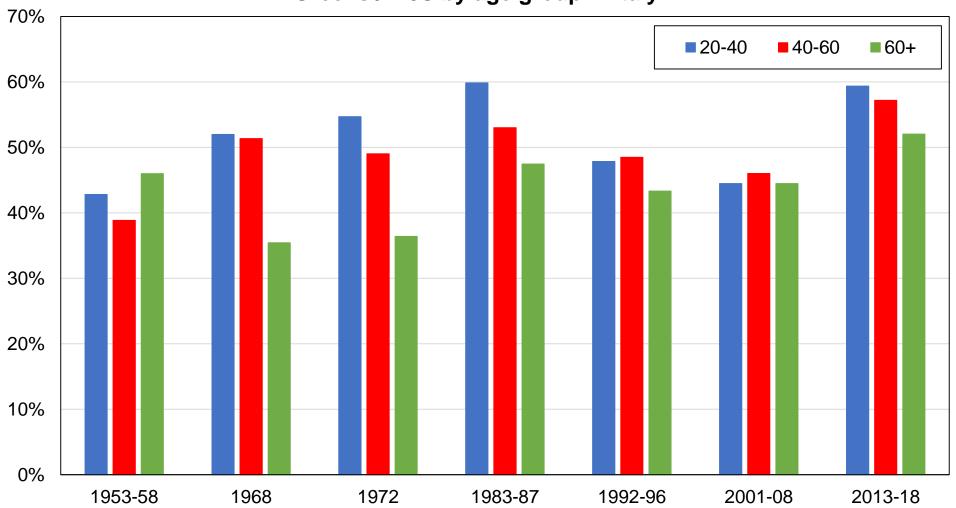
Working class includes "lower class". Middle class includes "no class" and "upper class".

Figure AB15 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S by home status



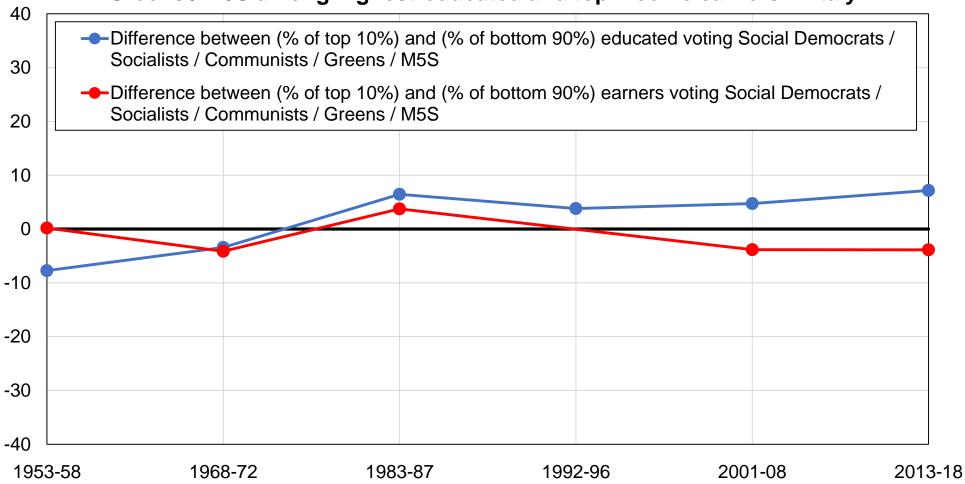
**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by left-wing parties by home ownership status.

Figure AB16 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S by age group in Italy



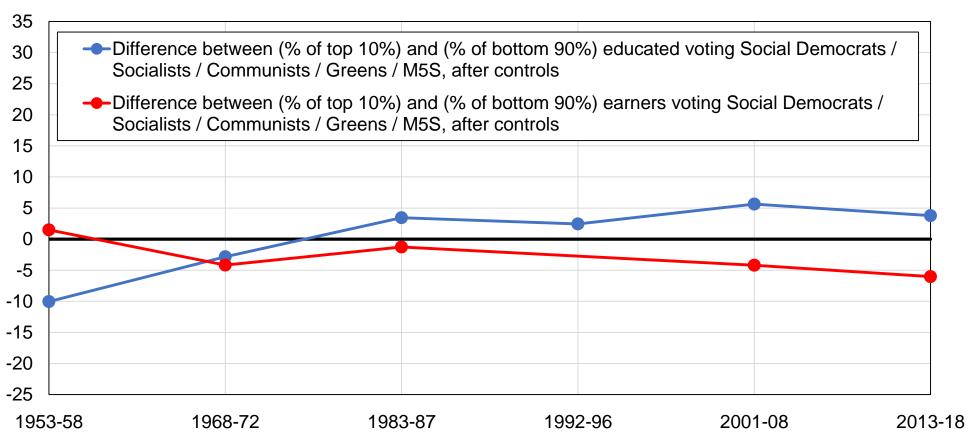
**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by left-wing parties by home ownership status.

Figure AB17 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S among highest-educated and top income earners in Italy



**Note**: the figure shows the difference between the share of top 10% educated and top income voters and the share of other voters voting for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S, before controlling for other variables.

Figure AB18 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S among highest-educated and top income earners in Italy, after controls



**Note**: the figure shows the difference between the share of top 10% educated and top income voters and the share of other voters voting for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S, after controlling for age, gender, religious affiliation, religiosity, employment and marital status, union membership, perceived social class, urban-rural location and region.

Figure AB19 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S among university graduates in Italy

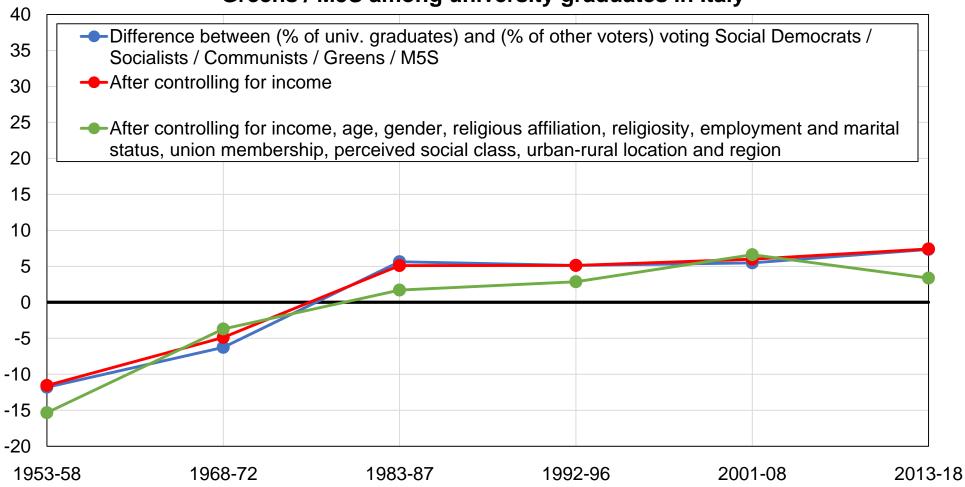


Figure AB20 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens (excl. M5S) among university graduates in Italy

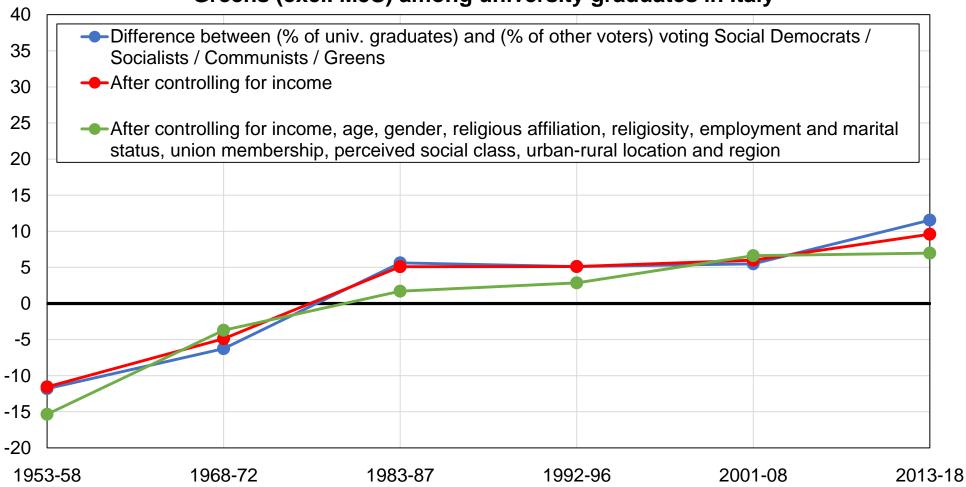


Figure AB21 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S among university graduates in Italy

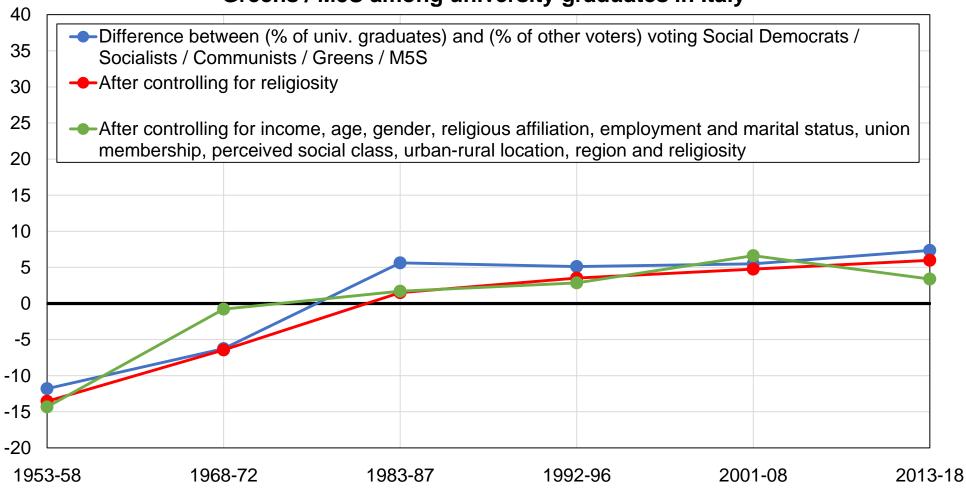


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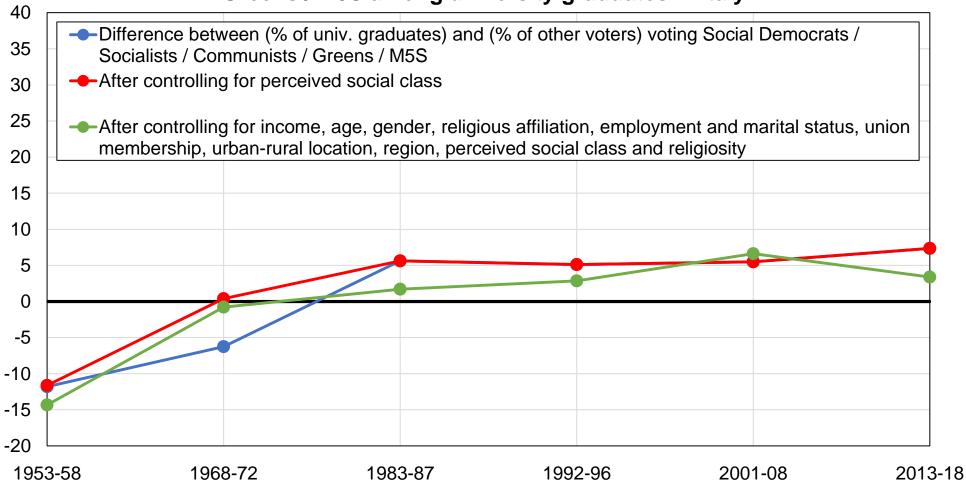


Figure AB23 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S among university graduates in Italy

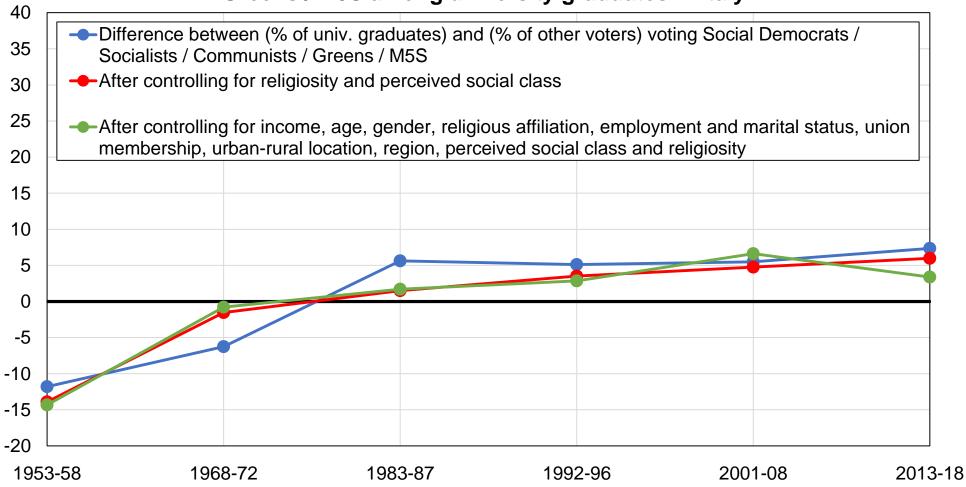


Figure AB24 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S among highest-educated voters in Italy

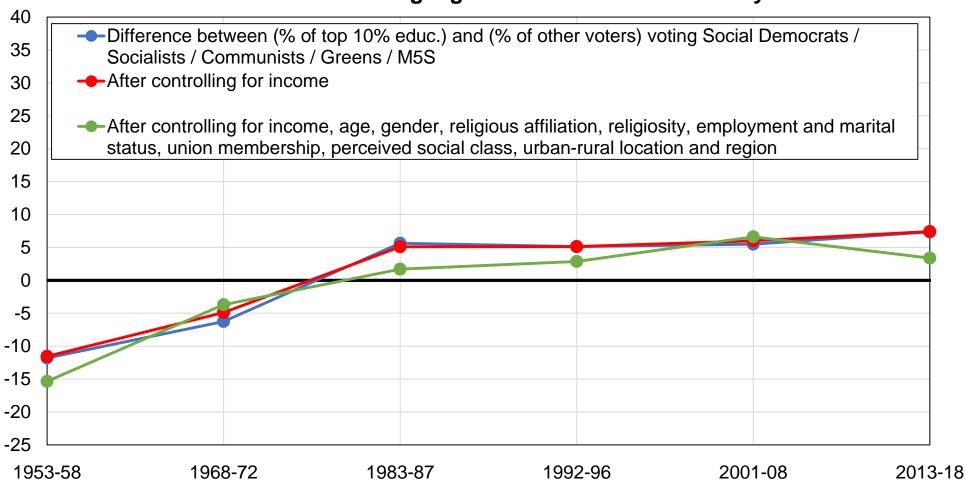


Figure AB25 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S among primary-educated voters in Italy

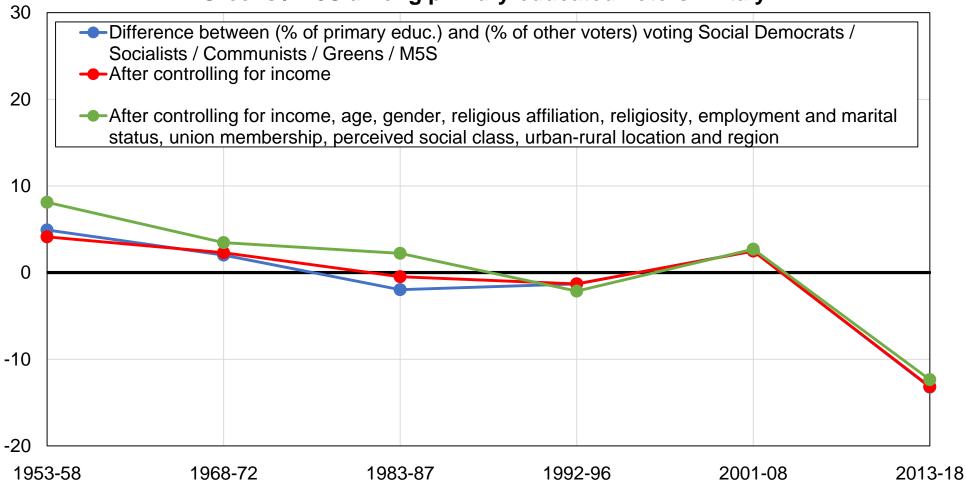


Figure AB26 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S among top 10% earners in Italy

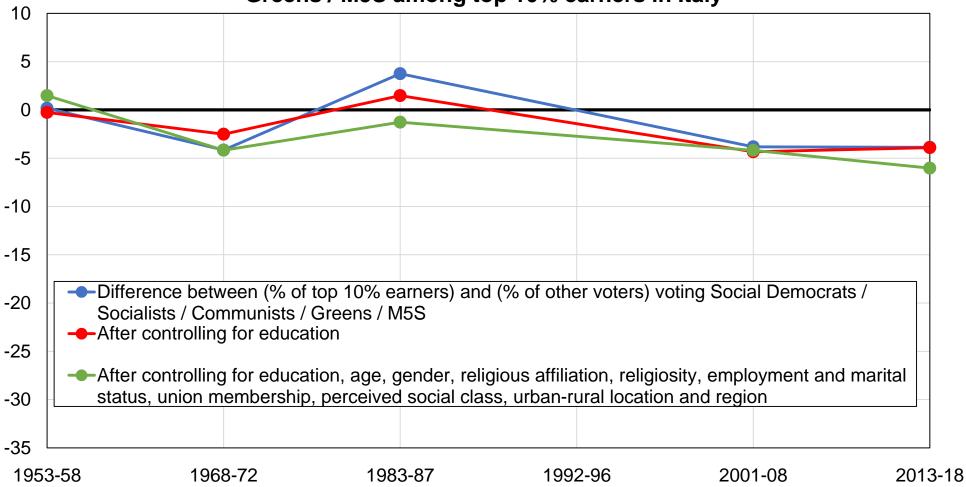
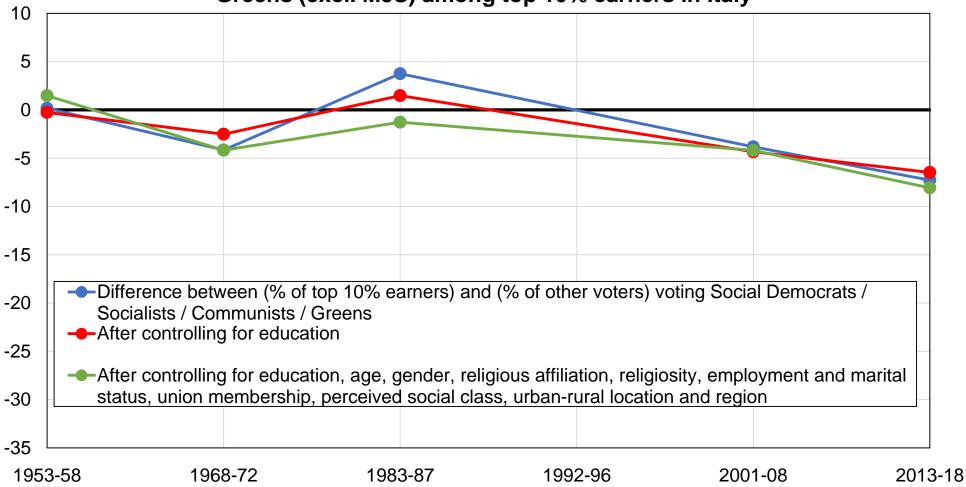


Figure AB27 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens (excl. M5S) among top 10% earners in Italy



**Note**: the figure shows the difference between the share of top 10% earners and the share of other voters voting for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens excluding 5 Star Movement, before and after controlling for other variables.

Figure AB28 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S among top 10% earners in Italy

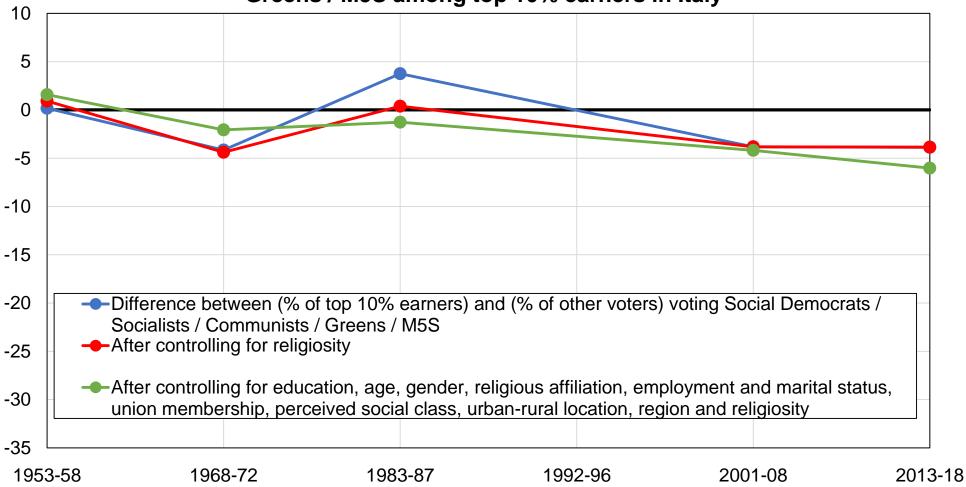
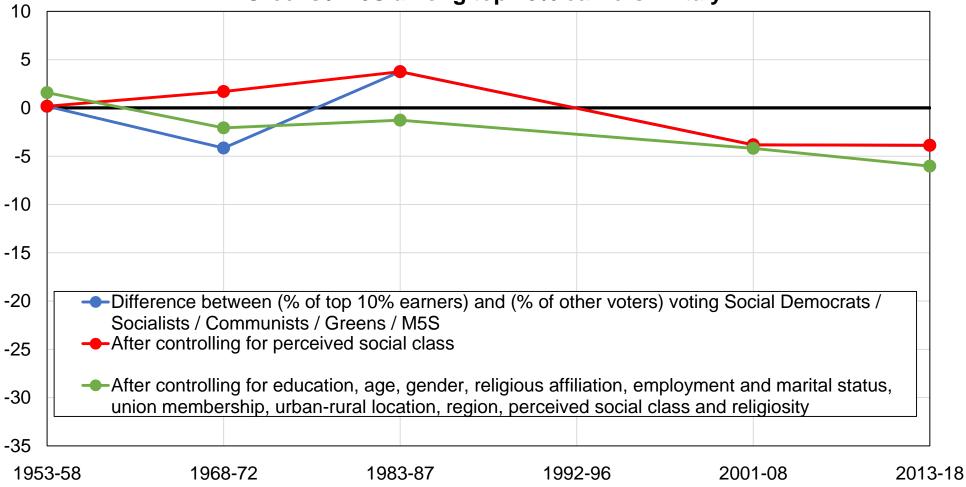
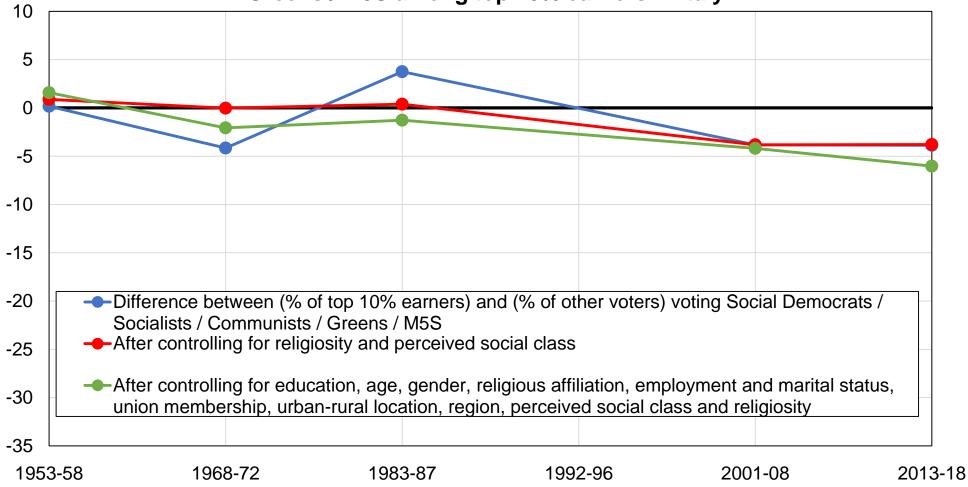


Figure AB29 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S among top 10% earners in Italy



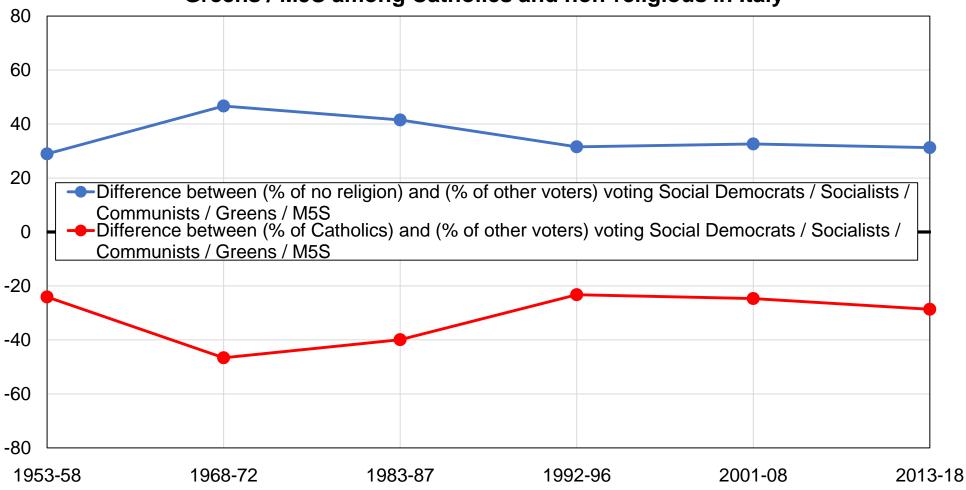
**Note**: the figure shows the difference between the share of top 10% earners and the share of other voters voting for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S, before and after controlling for other variables.

Figure AB30 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S among top 10% earners in Italy



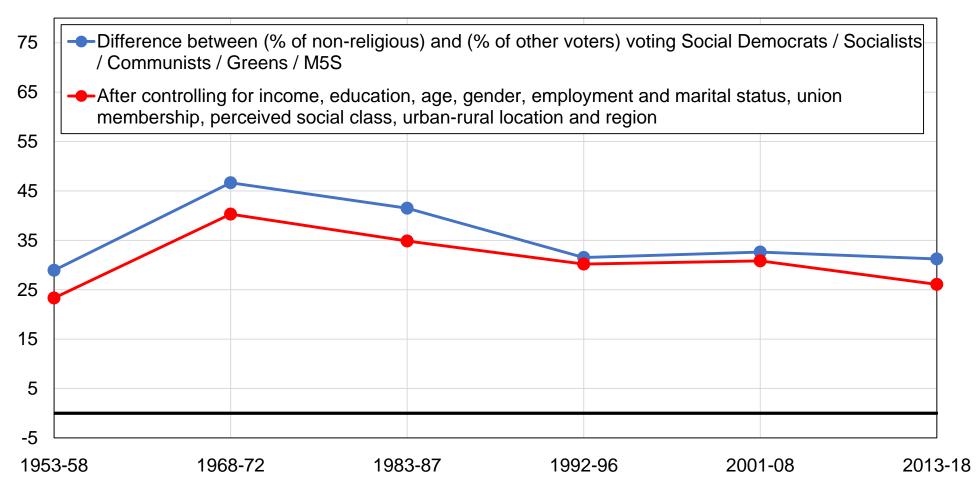
**Note**: the figure shows the difference between the share of top 10% earners and the share of other voters voting for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S, before and after controlling for other variables.

Figure AB31 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S among Catholics and non-religious in Italy



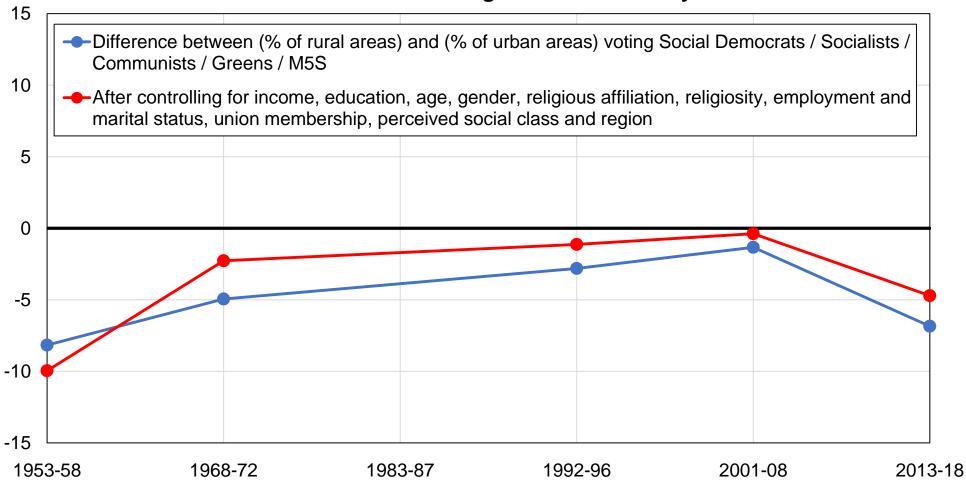
**Note**: the figure shows the difference between the share of voters declaring no religion and the share of other voters voting for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S, as well as the same difference between Catholics and others voters.

Figure AB32 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S among the non-religious in Italy



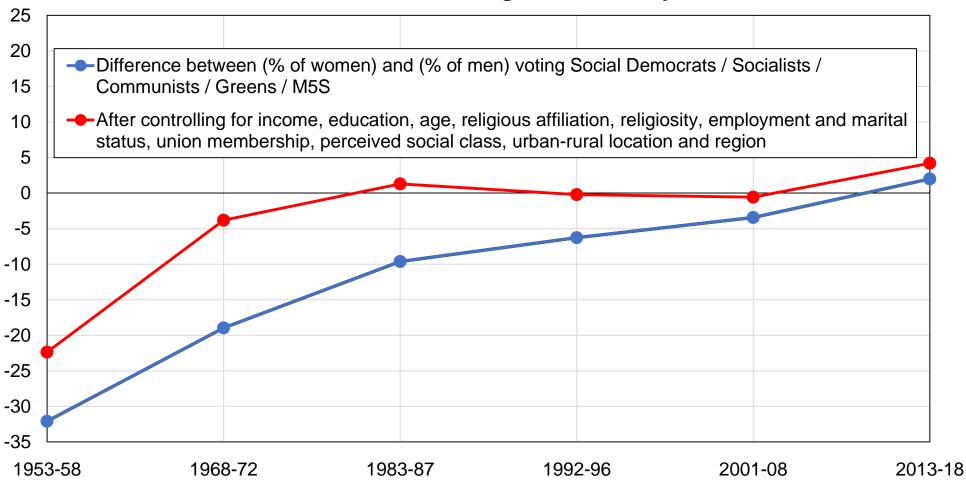
**Note**: the figure shows the difference between the share of voters never going to church and the share of other voters voting for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S, before and after controlling for other variables.

Figure AB33 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S among rural areas in Italy



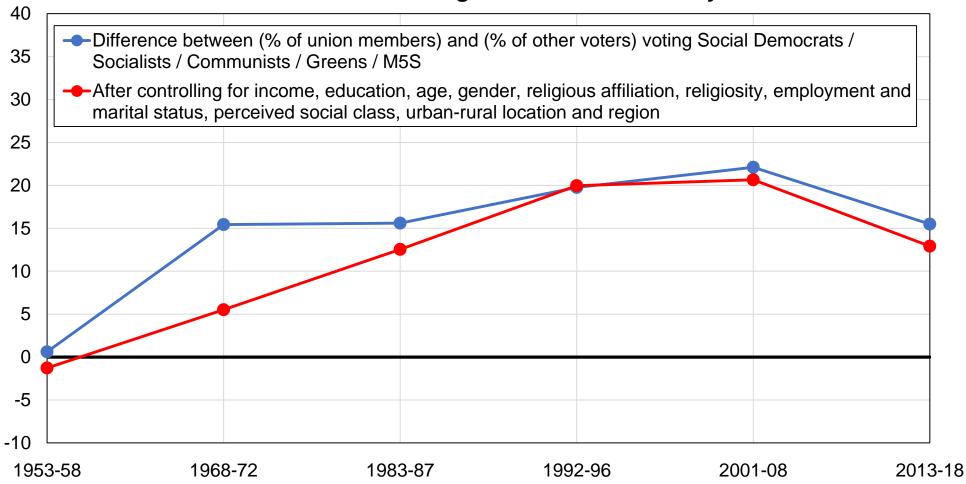
**Note**: the figure shows the difference between the share of rural areas and the share of urban areas voting for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S, before and after controlling for other variables.

Figure AB34 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S among women in Italy



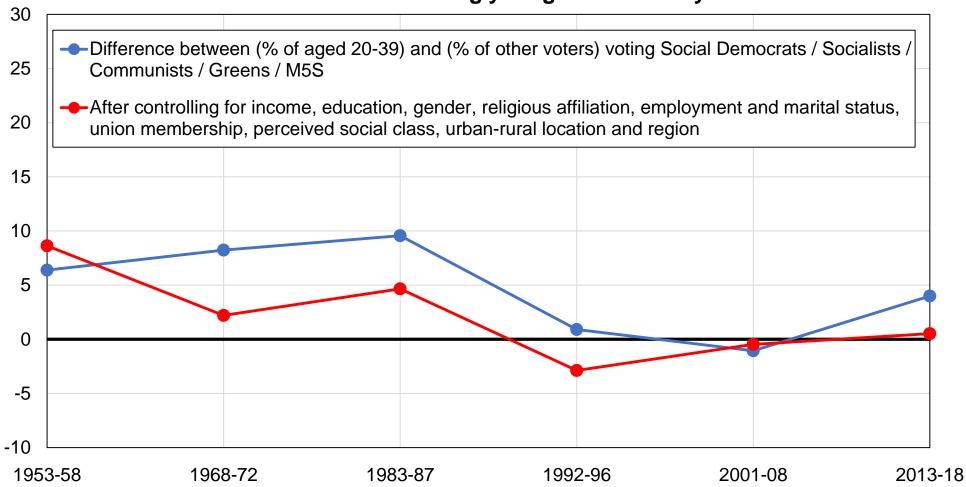
**Note**: the figure shows the difference between the share of women and the share of men voting for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S, before and after controlling for other variables.

Figure AB35 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S among union members in Italy



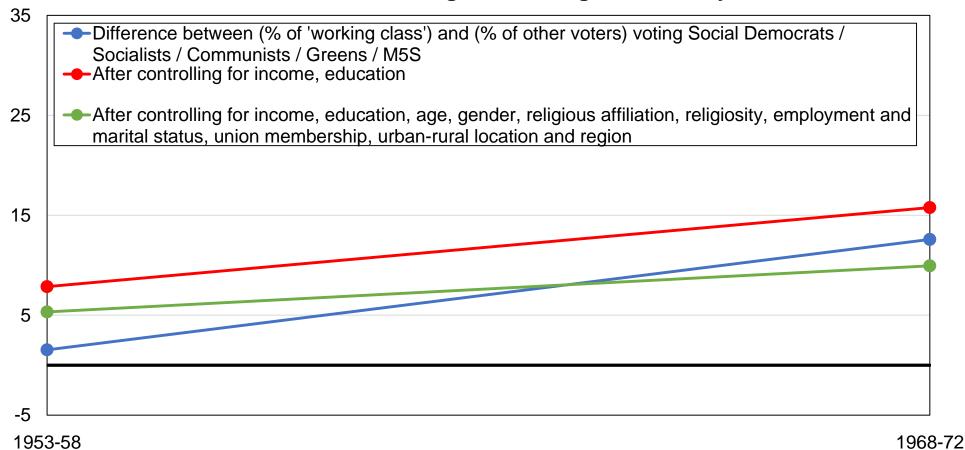
**Note**: the figure shows the difference between the share of union members and the share of other voters voting for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S, before and after controlling for other variables.

Figure AB36 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S among young voters in Italy



**Note**: the figure shows the difference between the share of voters aged 20-39 and the share of voters older than 40 voting for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S, before and after controlling for other variables.

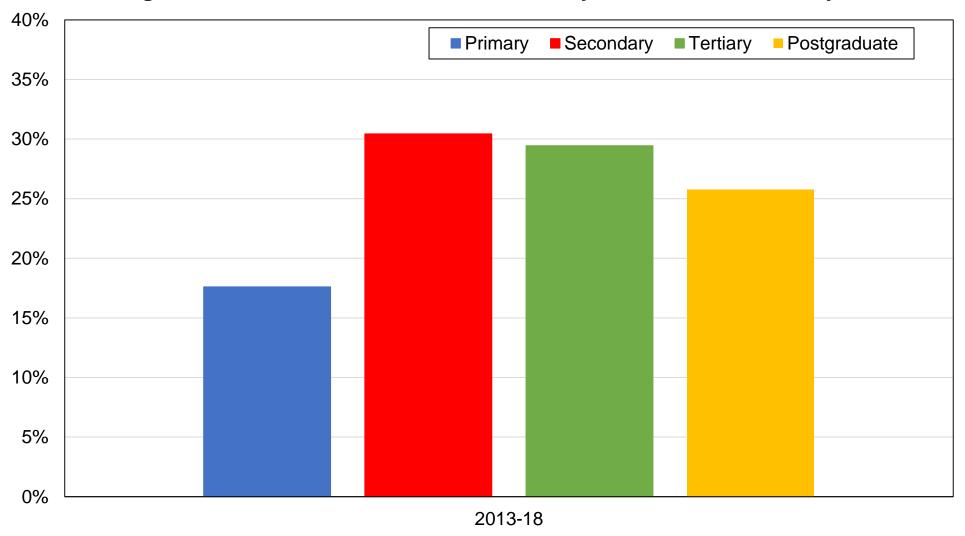
## Figure AB37 - Vote for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S among the working class in Italy



**Source**: authors' computations using Italian political attitudes surveys.

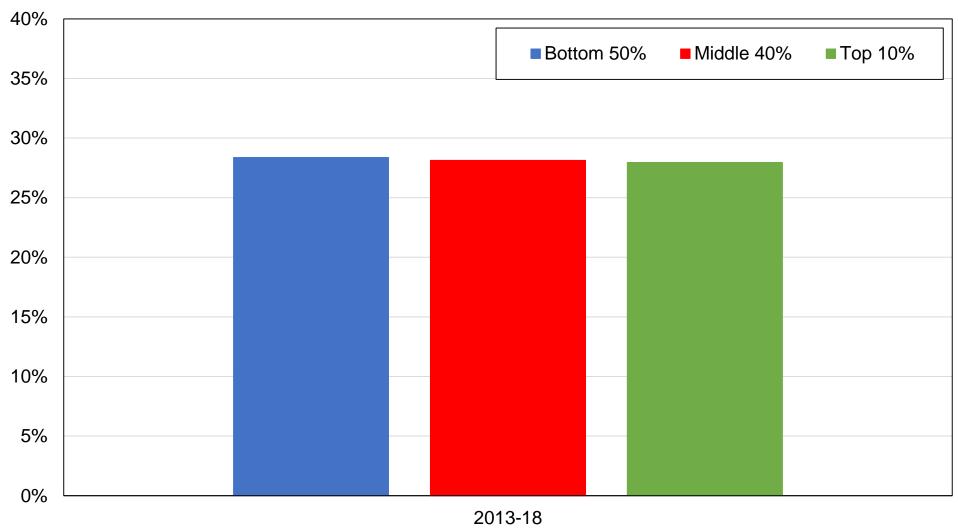
**Note**: the figure shows the difference between the share of voters perceiving themselves as "working class" and the share of other voters perceiving themselves as "middle class" of "no class" voting for Social Democrats / Socialists / Communists / Greens / M5S, before and after controlling for other variables.

Figure AC1 - Vote for Five Star Movement by education level in Italy



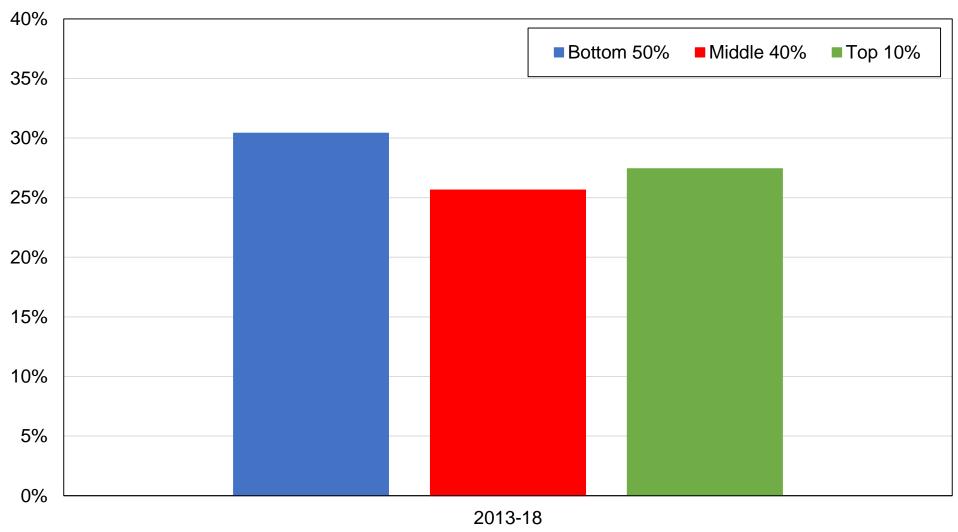
**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by Five Star Movement by education level.

Figure AC2 - Vote for Five Star Movement by education group in Italy



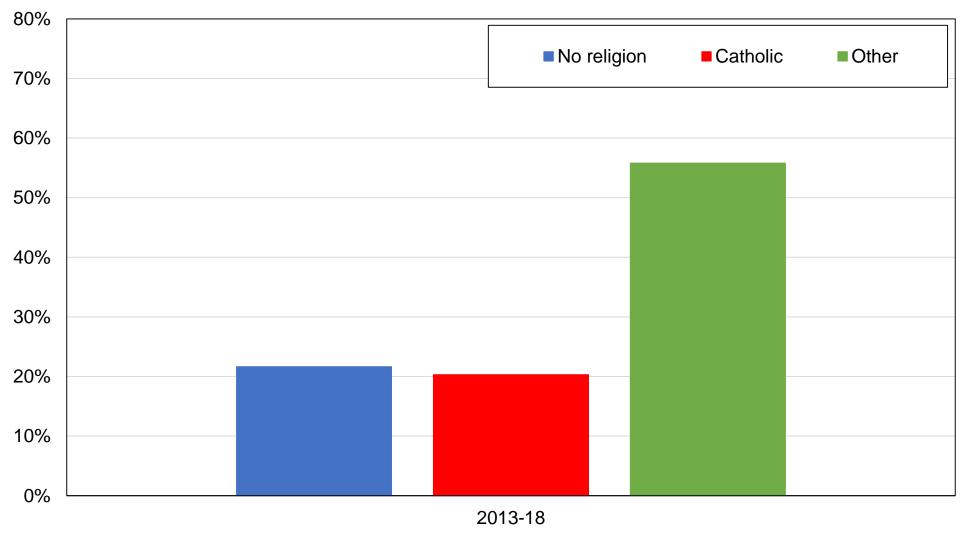
**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by Five Star Movement by education group.

Figure AC3 - Vote for Five Star Movement by income group in Italy



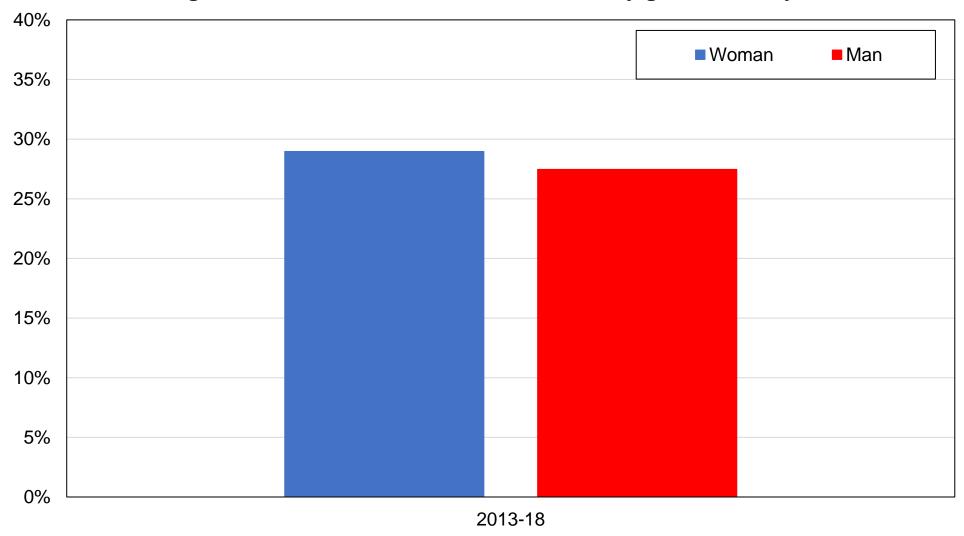
**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by Five Star Movement by income group.

Figure AC4 - Vote for Five Star Movement by religious affiliation in Italy



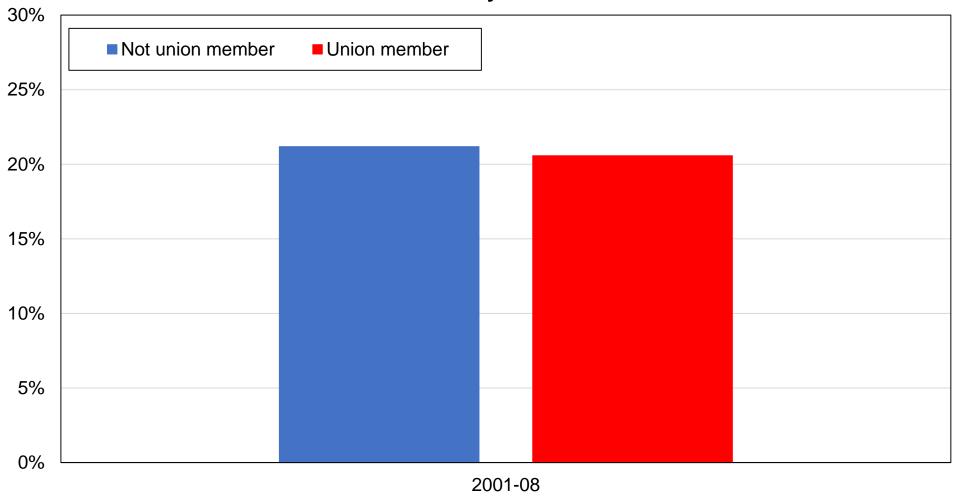
**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by Five Star Movement by religious affiliation.

Figure AC5 - Vote for Five Star Movement by gender in Italy



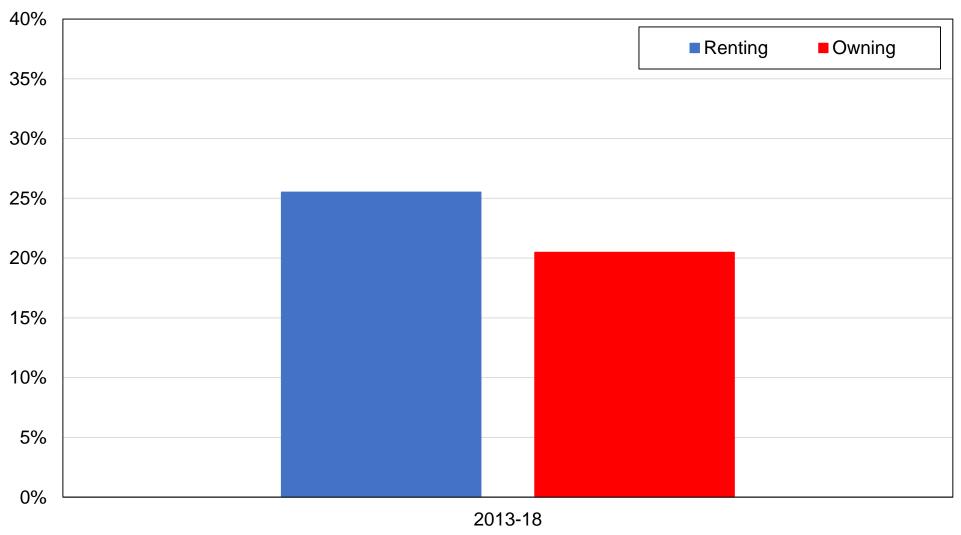
**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by the Five Star Movement by gender.

Figure AC6 - Vote for the Five Star Movement by union membership in Italy



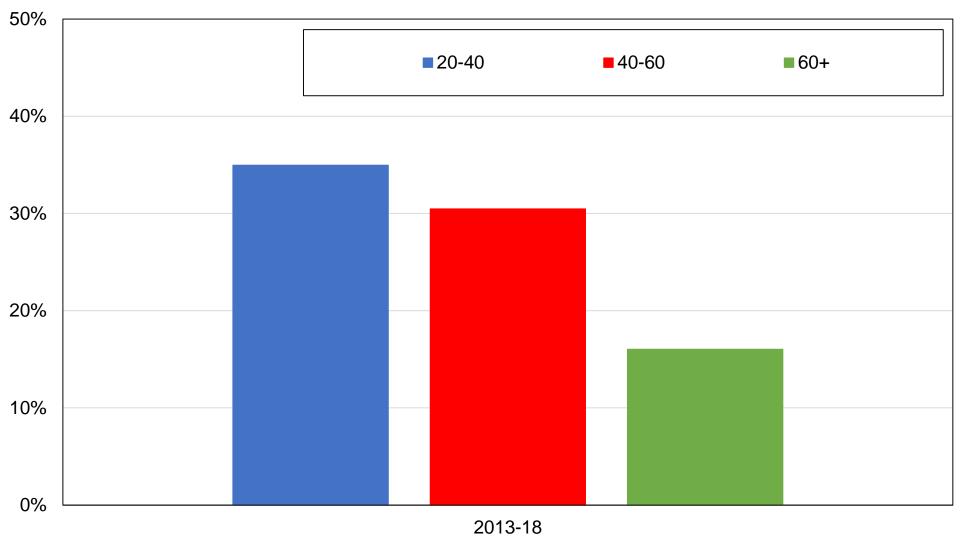
**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by the Five Star Movement by union membership status.

Figure AC7 - Vote for Five Star Movement by home status in Italy



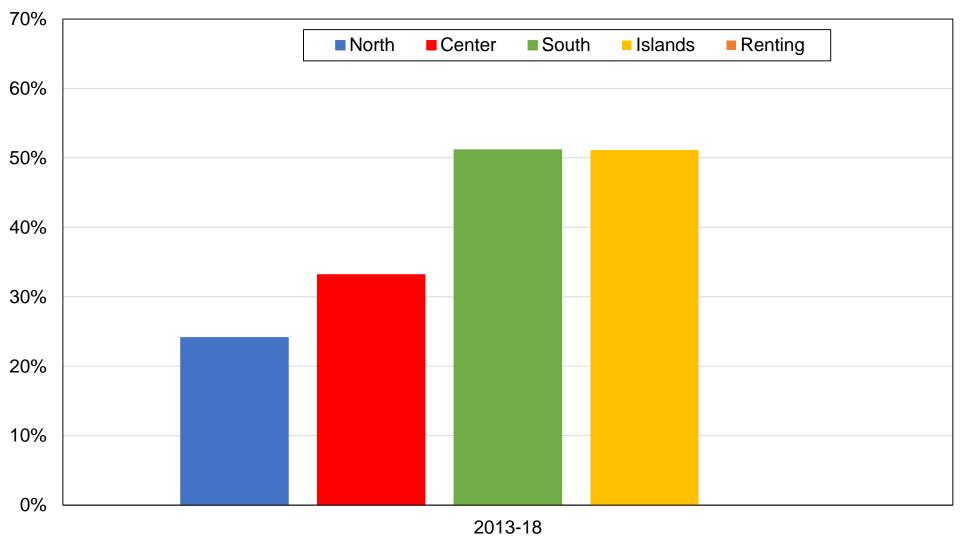
**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by the Five Star Movement by home ownership status.

Figure AC8 - Vote for Five Star Movement by age in Italy



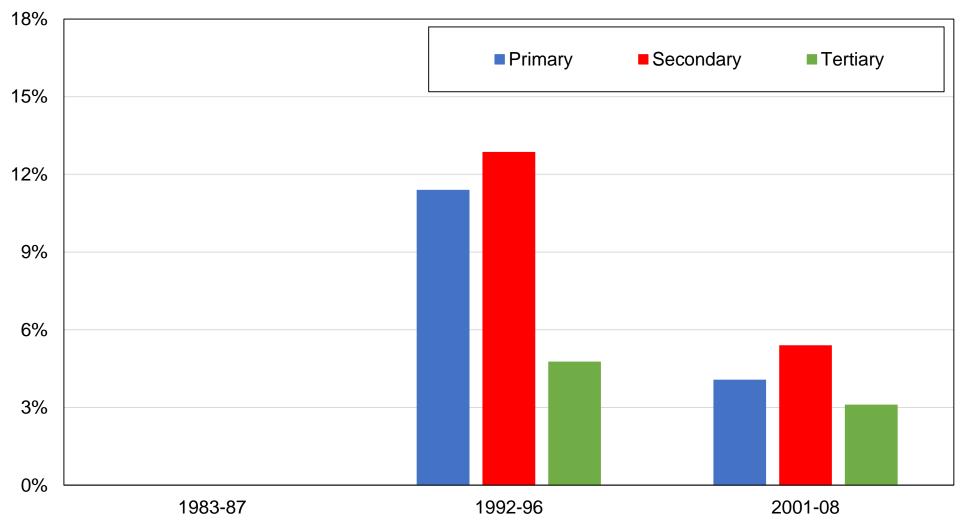
**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by Five Star Movement by age.

Figure AC9 - Vote for Five Star Movement by region in Italy



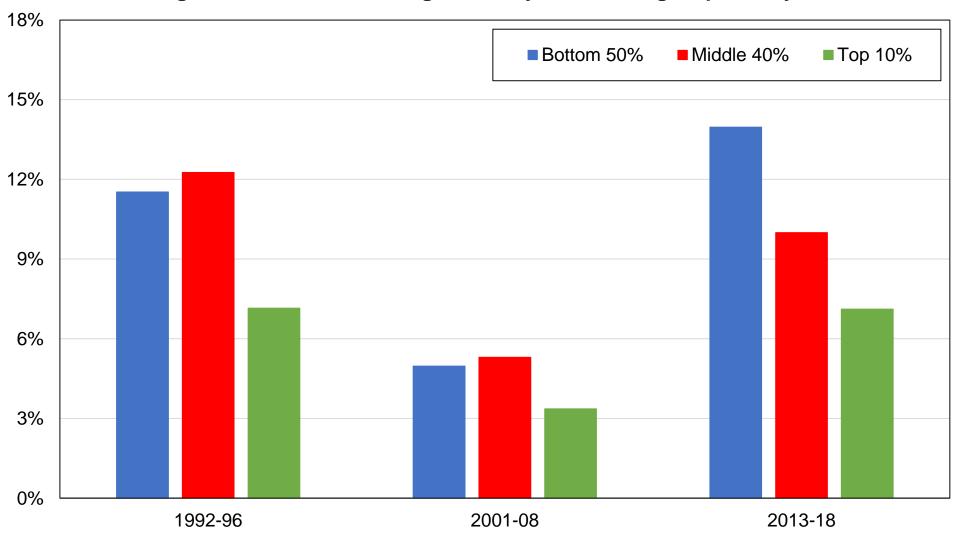
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Five Star Movement by region.

Figure AC10 - Vote for Lega Nord by education level in Italy



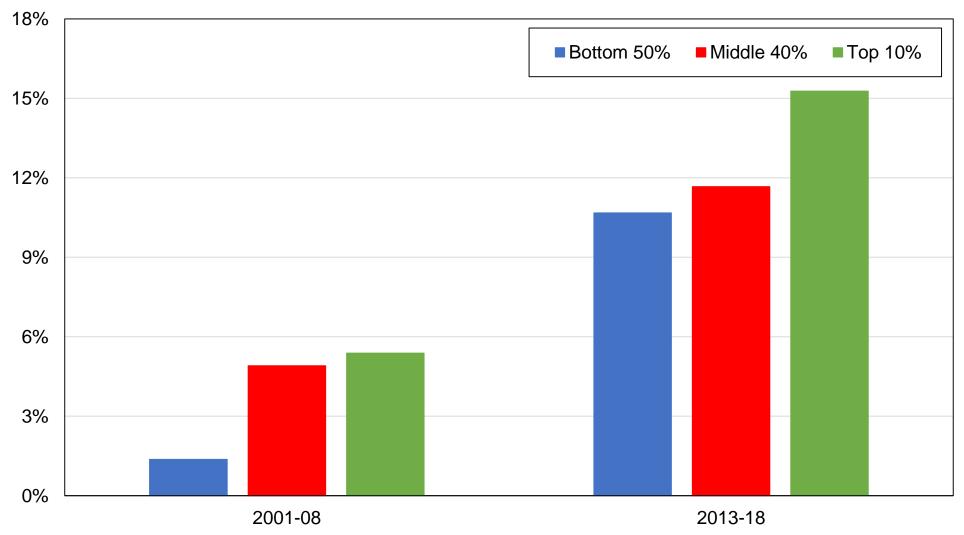
**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by Lega Nord by education level. Note that no interviewee with only primary education reports having voted to Lega over the decade 2013-18.

Figure AC11 - Vote for Lega Nord by education group in Italy



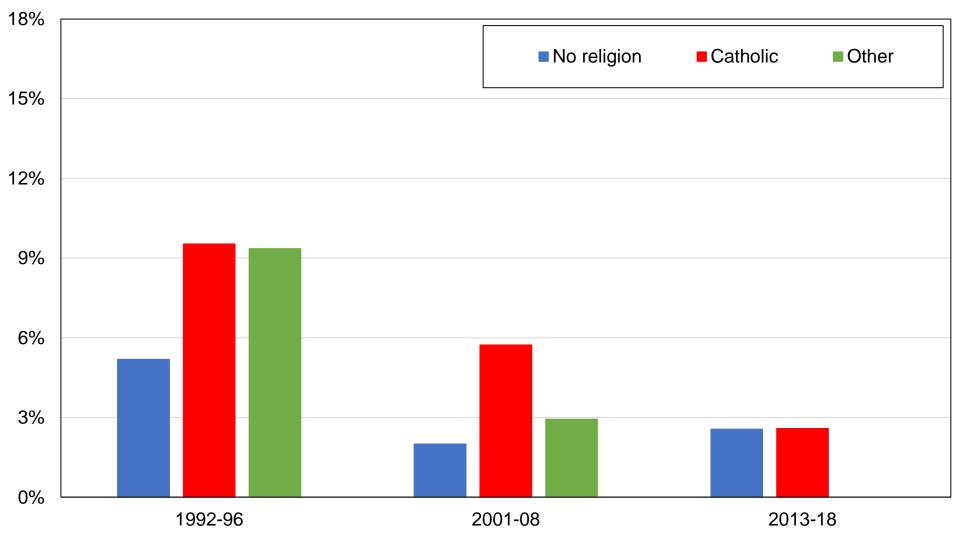
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Lega Nord by education group.

Figure AC12 - Vote for Lega Nord by income group in Italy



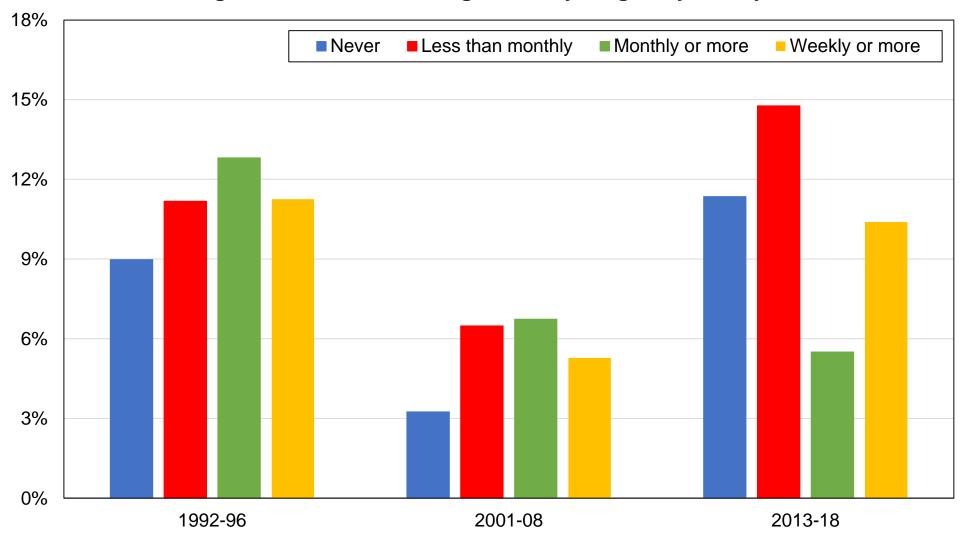
**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by Lega Nord by income group.

Figure AC13 - Vote for Lega Nord by religious affiliation in Italy



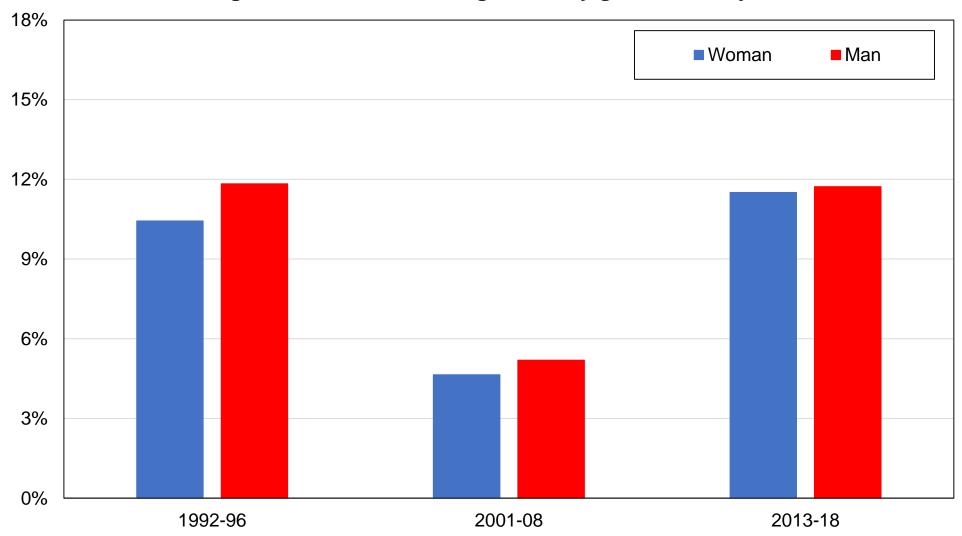
**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by Lega Nord by religious affiliation.

Figure AC14 - Vote for Lega Nord by religiosity in Italy



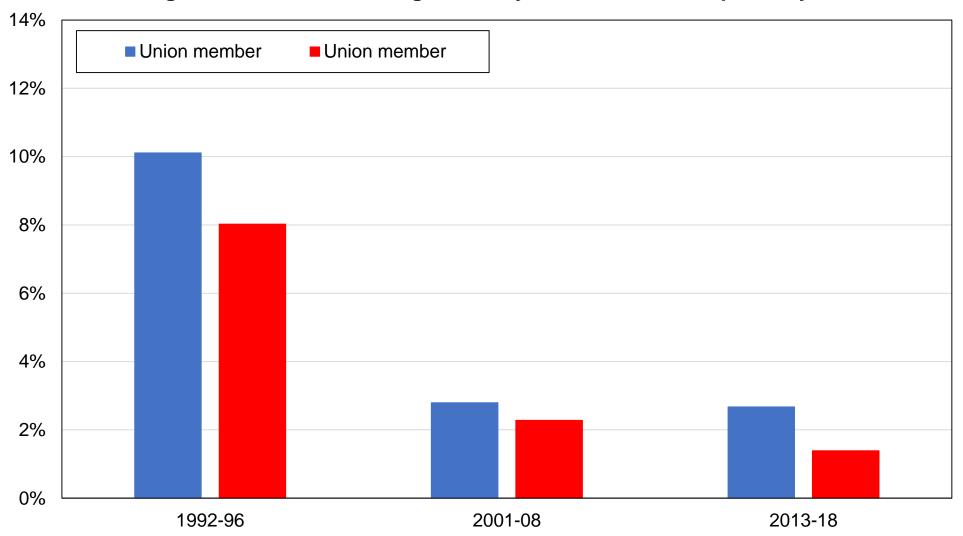
**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by Lega Nord by church attendance.

Figure AC15 - Vote for Lega Nord by gender in Italy



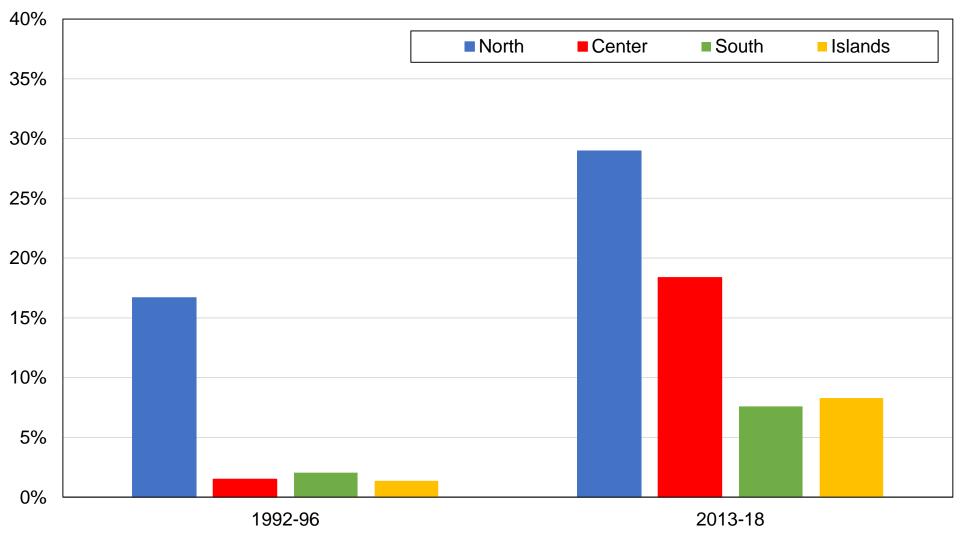
**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by Lega Nord by gender.

Figure AC16 - Vote for Lega Nord by union membership in Italy



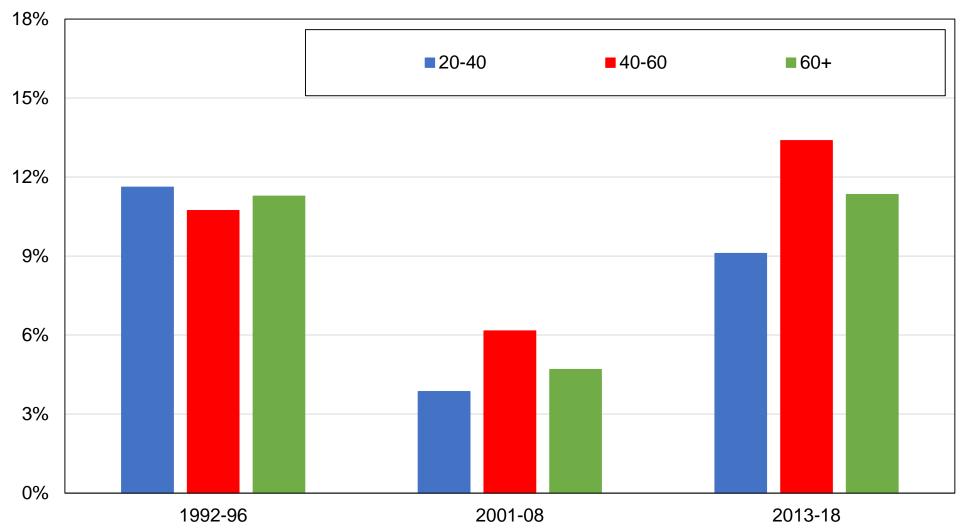
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Lega Nord by union membership status.

Figure AC17 - Vote for Lega Nord by region in Italy



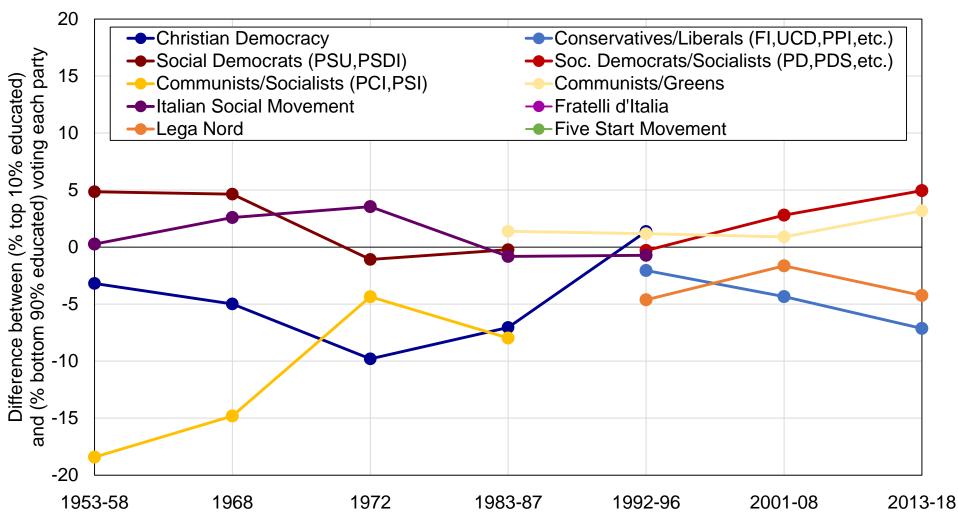
**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by Lega Nord by region.

Figure AC18 - Vote for Lega Nord by age in Italy



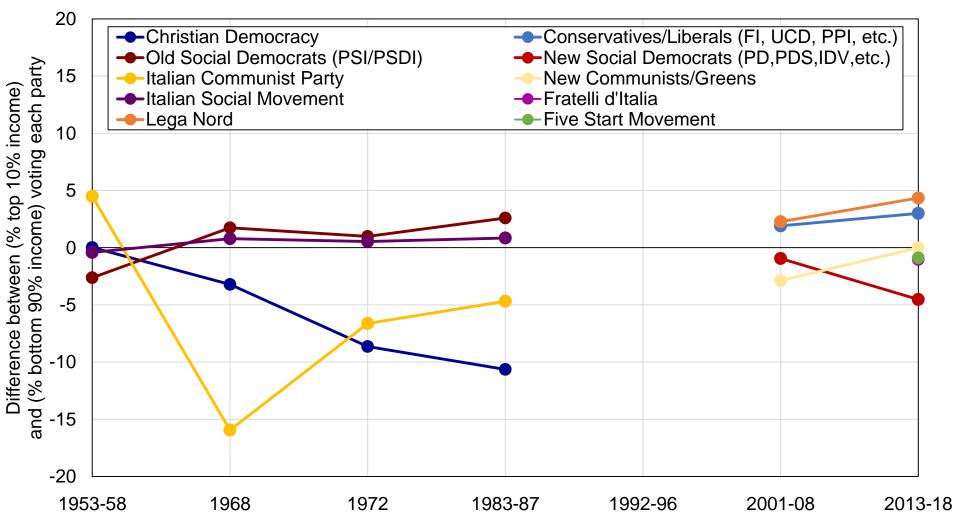
**Source**: authors' computations using Italian political attitudes surveys. **Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by Lega Nord by age.

Figure AC19 - The education cleavage in Italy



Note: the figure shows the bias of highest-educated voters towards the most relevant Italian parties.

Figure AC20 - The income cleavage in Italy



Note: the figure shows the bias of top income voters towards the most relevant Italian parties.

Figure AC21 - Vote for left-wing parties by education level

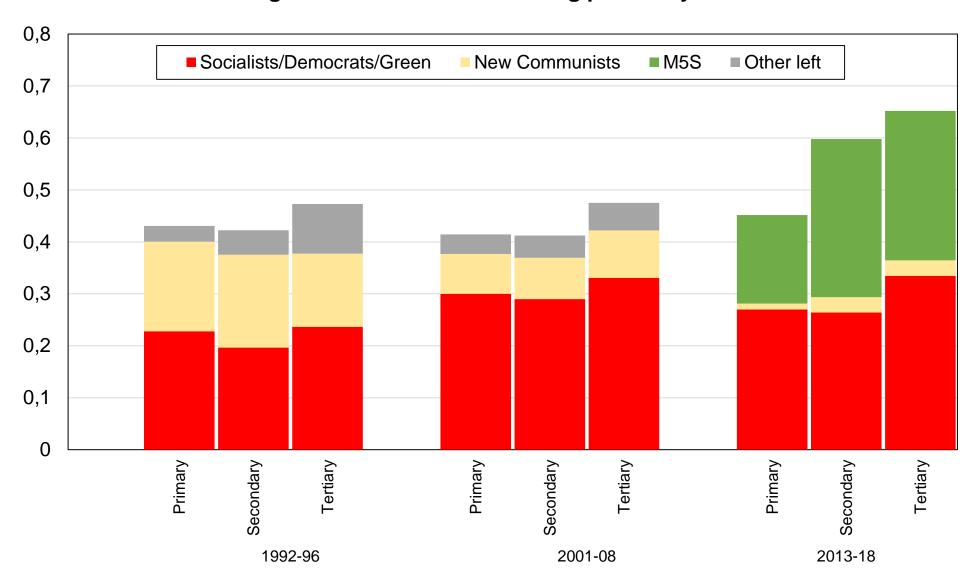


Figure AC22 - Vote for left-wing parties by income group in Italy

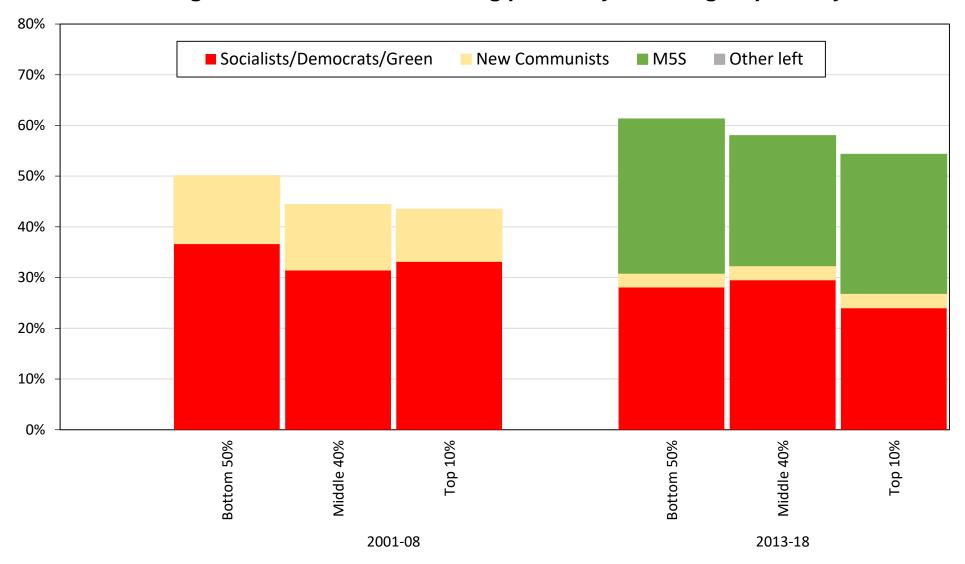


Figure AC23 - Vote for right-wing parties by education level

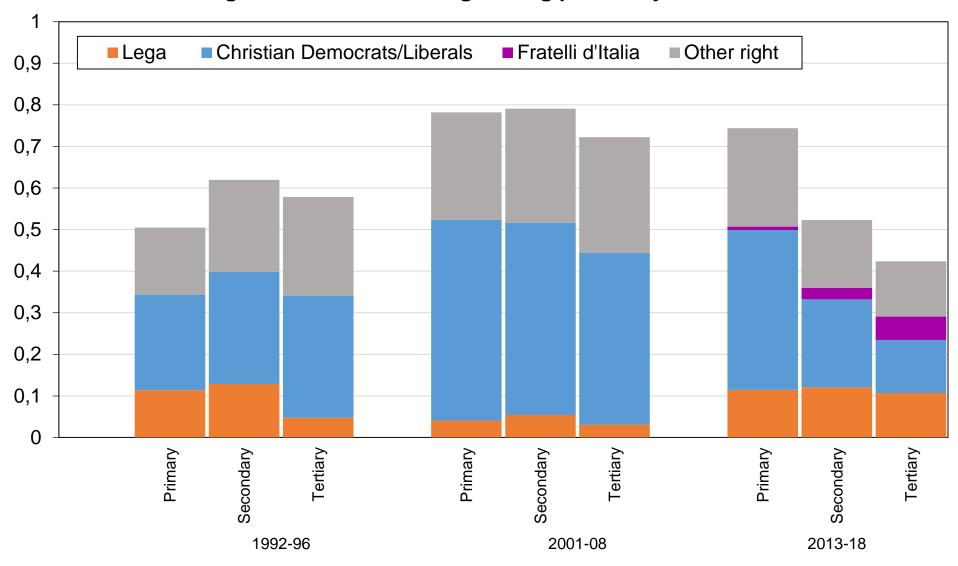


Figure AC24 - Vote for right-wing parties by income group in Italy

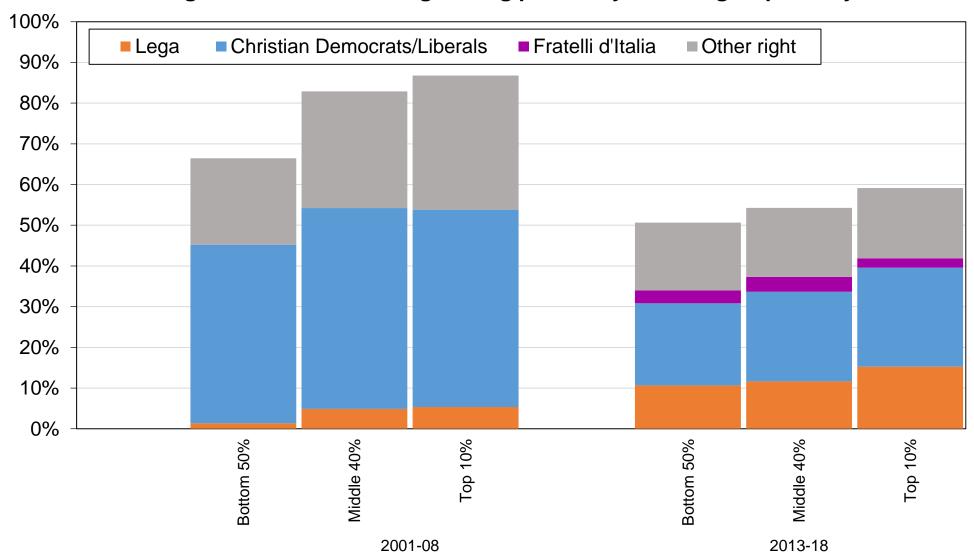


Figure AC25 - Vote by party and education group in Italy, 2018

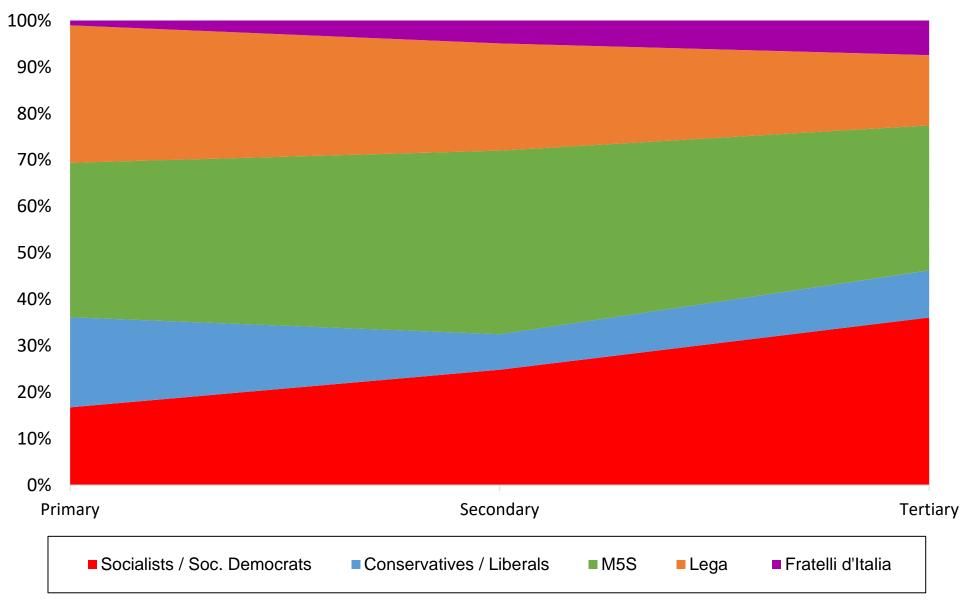


Figure AC26 - Vote by party and income group in Italy, 2018

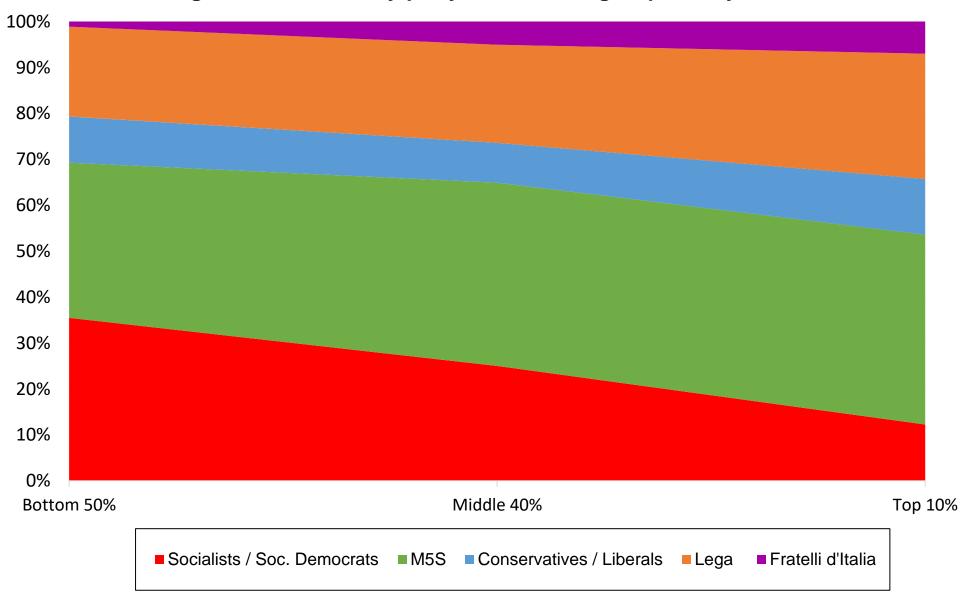


Figure AC27 - Vote by party and age group in Italy, 2018

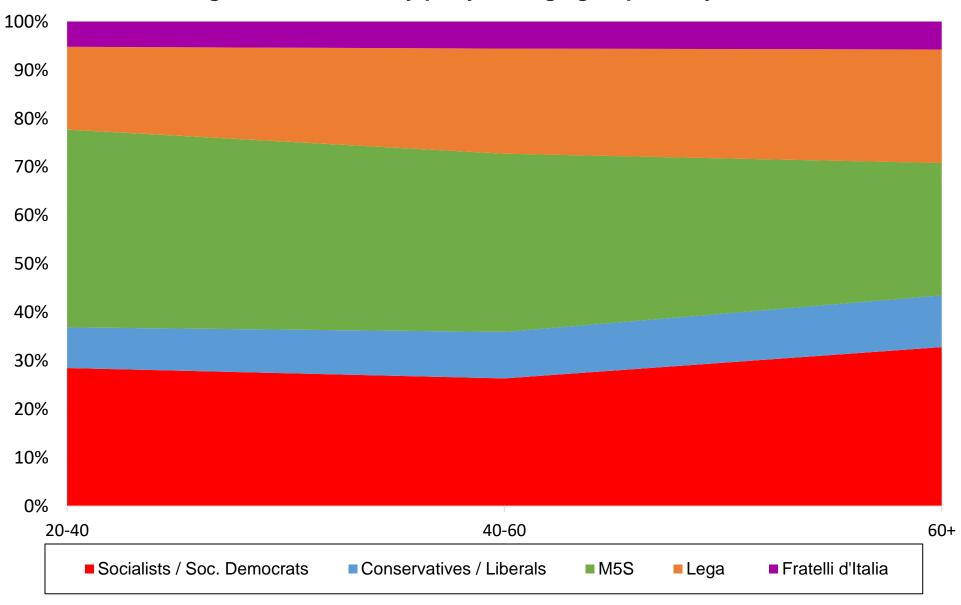


Figure AC28 - Vote by party and region in Italy, 2018

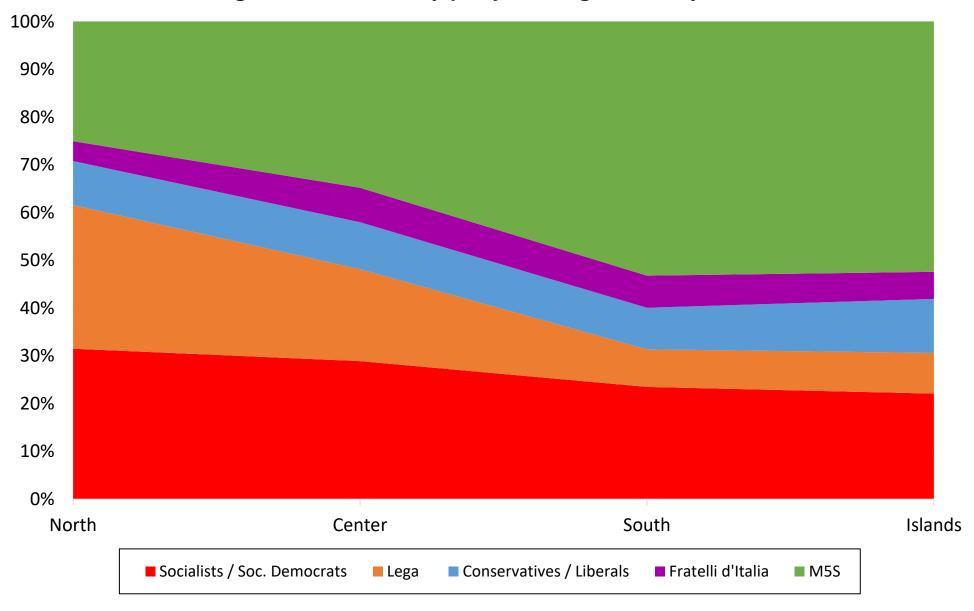


Table AD1 - Survey data sources in Italy									
Year	Survey	Source	Sample size						
1960	nter-university Consortium for Political and Social Researc	ICPSR	995						
1968	Italian National Election Studies	ITANES	2500						
1972	Italian National Election Studies	ITANES	1841						
1985	Italian National Election Studies	ITANES	2074						
1990	Italian National Election Studies	ITANES	1500						
1992	Italian National Election Studies	ITANES	1181						
1994	Italian National Election Studies	ITANES	2600						
1996	Italian National Election Studies	ITANES	2502						
2001	Italian National Election Studies	ITANES	3209						
2006	Italian National Election Studies	ITANES	4016						
2008	Italian National Election Studies	ITANES	3000						
2013	Italian National Election Studies	ITANES	1508						
2018	Italian National Election Studies	ITANES	2573						

Source: author's elaboration. ICPR: available from

https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/web/ICPSR/studies/7201/summary#. ITANES: available from

http://www.itanes.org/en/.

Table AD2 - Complete descriptive statistics by decade in Italy										
	1953-58	1968	1972	1983-87	1992-96	2001-08	2013-18			
Age: 20-40	53%	40%	36%	42%	47%	37%	31%			
Age: 40-60	34%	41%	39%	36%	35%	36%	44%			
Age: 60+	13%	19%	25%	22%	18%	28%	25%			
Subjective class: Not working class	72%	33%	20%							
Education: Primary	69%	75%	71%	30%	37%	19%	15%			
Education: Secondary	26%	20%	25%	62%	52%	72%	60%			
Education: Tertiary	5%	5%	4%	7%	11%	8%	24%			
Employment status: Employed	54%	53%	49%	48%	45%	46%	57%			
Employment status: Unemployed	3%	2%	2%	5%	34%	4%	10%			
Employment status: Inactive	43%	44%	49%	47%	21%	50%	33%			
Home ownership: Yes				67%			83%			
Marital status: Married or with partner	68%	73%	73%	44%	64%	61%	69%			
Region: North	48%	45%		49%	48%	46%	46%			
Region: Center	19%	20%		20%	18%	20%	21%			
Region: South	22%	23%		23%	23%	23%	22%			
Region: Islands	10%	12%		9%	11%	11%	11%			
Religion: No religion	1%	4%	6%	5%	7%	5%	6%			
Religion: Catholic	99%	96%	94%	84%	79%	91%	91%			
Religion: Other	0%	0%	0%	11%	13%	3%	3%			
Church attendance: Never	7%	7%	8%	17%	14%	17%	30%			
Church attendance: Less than month	11%	29%	33%	32%	27%	25%	33%			
Church attendance: Monthly or more	27%	20%	18%	23%	28%	29%	15%			
Church attendance: Weekly or more	55%	44%	41%	29%	30%	29%	23%			
Gender: Man	49%	52%	49%	49%	49%	48%	47%			
Union membership: Yes	6%	17%		21%	26%	13%	9%			

**Note**: the table shows descriptive statistics by decade for selected available variables.