



Will Italy's Meloni Hold or Fold Against Globalists and Media?

Giorgia Meloni accomplished the seemingly impossible on September 25 when a conservative coalition led by her Fratelli d'Italia (Brothers of Italy) party secured enough votes in the country's national election to form a government. During the campaign, barely a media report in Europe or America could mention her name without an obligatory prefix such as far-right, extreme-right, fascist, neo-fascist, ultranationalist, xenophobic, homophobic — you get the picture. Many reports characterized her as the new Mussolini. As Italy's new prime minister since October 22, the media smear has not abated in Europe, though she has dropped off the radar screen somewhat in the United States. (For refutations of the charges that Meloni and the Brothers of Italy Party are fascist see here, here, and here.)



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With Meloni having only occupied the Chigi Palace for a few weeks now, it is too early to issue verdicts on the direction her government will take. However, there are signs — both positive and negative. During her firebrand campaign, she pledged to fight against Covid mandates, illegal migration, "wokeness," gender ideology, environmental extremism, and interference by European Union institutions into Italy's affairs. She fired up Italian crowds with her passionate rhetoric. She promised to be an untiring, uncompromising warrior for pro-Christian, pro-life, pro-family, pro-sovereignty, pro-liberty causes.

Her Potential and Her Record

So, what do we know so far? Let's look at a few of the issues that Italy's first woman prime minister has weighed in on:

• Global Warming/Climate Change — For her first address to a major international summit, Prime Minister Meloni journeyed to the UN's COP27 climate charade in Sharm el-Sheikh on November 7 to confirm Italy's commitment to the destructive UN Paris accord. "Despite a very complex international scenario, already affected by the pandemic and further disrupted by the Russian aggression against Ukraine, Italy remains strongly committed to pursuing its decarbonization pathway in full compliance with the goals of the Paris agreement," Meloni said. Adopting the UN-speak verbiage of the day, she said, "We intend to pursue a just transition to support the affected communities and leave no one behind." According to Meloni, nations must do more to respond to the alleged climate crisis. "Fighting climate change is a common endeavor which requires full engagement of all countries and pragmatic co-operation among all major global actors," she averred.



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• *Illegal Migration* — The migration invasion from Africa has been one of Meloni's hottest issues. She has been subjected to blistering attacks from the EU, France's Emmanuel Macron, the global media, and Pope Francis for standing for Italy's right to control its own borders. In November she went toe-to-toe against Macron over so-called rescue ships run by NGO activists that demanded to be allowed to drop hundreds of migrants at Italian ports. Meloni sent the French NGO ship *Ocean Viking* to a French port, but Macron, who has criticized Italy's migrant policy, initially refused to take the ship and its 234 "refugees." Meloni went nuclear, and in her own inimitable style blasted Macron in a raging television rant that has since gone viral on social media (see below).

Macron backed down and the *Ocean Viking* off-loaded its human cargo in France. However, Italy, which has already taken in over 90,000 migrants this year, continues to be the main entry point for migrants from Africa and the Middle East, and Meloni will have her hands full trying to stave off the migrant smugglers, as well as lawsuits aimed at stopping her enforcement policies.

- *COVID Mandates* For the past two years, Italy has had some of the strictest Covid regulations in the world. On November 1, 2022, the newly installed Meloni government <u>ended Covid jab mandates</u> for doctors, nurses, health workers, and teachers. She also canceled fines that had been imposed on people who had refused to take the jab and vowed that there would be no future lockdowns.
- Subservience to EU/NATO To go by much of the establishment media coverage, Meloni is a flaming Eurosceptic, one who would gladly take Italy down Britain's Brexit path. Not even close. Although she has dished up plenty of campaign oratory critical of the Brussels technocracy, she has signaled no move to seriously buck the globalist European Union/NATO elites and does not appear inclined to do so. Indeed, in October, in her first address to Italy's parliament, she reaffirmed Italy's commitment to the EU, NATO, and the war in Ukraine. "Italy is fully part of Europe and the Western world," Meloni said, adding that it would "continue to be a reliable partner of NATO in supporting Ukraine." "Italy's public debt sits at 147 percent of GDP, and keeping it under control depends on a generous EU Covid recovery aid package that's been promised to Italy," noted Politico's Ryan Heath. "That would be at risk if Meloni angered Brussels by pursuing large tax cuts or violated democratic standards. Therefore, assume she won't."

Thomas Fazi, writing at UnHerd, <u>says</u> Meloni "is fully aware that Italy, by virtue of its adherence to the single currency, is <u>no longer a sovereign country</u>, and that therefore she needs the support of the EU establishment to stay in power." "To put it starkly," Fazi continues, "Italy is no longer a democracy — <u>it's an appendage to the EU empire</u>. There's really no other way of describing a system where democratically unaccountable institutions, such as the European Commission and [European Central Bank] are able to arbitrarily decide the policies of elected governments or even forcibly remove them from office."

In another <u>UnHerd</u> piece with Paolo Cornetti, Fazi writes that Meloni "has gone to great lengths ... to express her wholehearted support for the European Union, the Euro-Atlantic partnership and Nato, including voting for sending weapons to Ukraine. Indeed, the first two points of the centre-right coalition's agenda are the 'full adherence to the European integration process' and 'respect for Italy's international alliances.'" Speaking just days before the election that brought Meloni to power, EU Commission President <u>Ursula von der Leyen ominously warned</u> that the EU has "tools" that it will use with Italy "if things go in a difficult direction." Meloni, apparently, has gotten the message.



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• The EU War on Cash — One of Meloni's popular campaign planks was the pledge to remove the penalty imposed on businesses for refusing to accept the bank card payments for small purchases under 60 euros. She called the EU's push for digital payments as an "illegitimate gift to banks" and a "hidden tax" on small businesses and families. She also opposes the EU-imposed legal limit of 1,000 euros for cash payments. Meloni has proposed lifting the limit to 5,000 euros. "It is no longer tolerable to burden the economy with a hidden tax… for the purpose of fattening the banks, spying and profiling every habit of the citizens," she said in a Facebook posting last July. Italians have stubbornly resisted the EU's push to digitize their economy and have retained a high preference for cash. So-called experts from the EU, the banking industry, and globalist think tanks insist that the digitizing trend is necessary to modernize the economy and curb tax evasion. Meloni says she is "in discussions" with the EU on the matter and indicates that she may water down her plans in order to receive the 200 billion euros in post-pandemic recovery funds the EU is holding out as a bribe.

A Strong Warning

"There is a strong warning here to all of us, embedded within this unfortunate current Italian reality, concerning the consequences of migrating to a centralized bank digital currency (CBDC)," notes Dr. Robert Malone in his Substack blog.

"Just as Italy has lost its political autonomy and operational flexibility to the EU and Brussels as a consequence of exchanging Lire for Euros," Dr. Malone continues, "any autonomous nation state which buys into the proposed CBDC system managed by the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) will be ceding its sovereignty to the BIS and the individuals, interests, agendas and organizations which the BIS represents. If you care about freedom and sovereignty, just say no to CBDC. Learn from the box which the Italians find themselves within."

Where will Giorgia Meloni take Italy? Will she turn out to be the political savior her supporters hope and expect her to be? She's in a tough spot. She has been dealt a stacked deck and faces daunting political, economic, social, moral, and spiritual hurdles. Italy, like the rest of Western Europe, is in a state of advanced decay. It has abandoned its Christian moorings and is drifting rapidly toward the abyss.

Italian Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò has said it well: Georgia Meloni has the *potential* to be the real prime minister Italy desperately needs, but "she must first of all stand up against those who have not been elected by anyone and yet presume the power of giving stamps of political presentability to democratically elected heads of government." The archbishop, a former Vatican insider and a severe critic of Pope Francis, specifically calls on Meloni to stand up against the subversive globalist agendas of the United Nations, the European Union, and the Great Reset of the World Economic Forum. In a lengthy and perceptive post-election analysis, Archbishop Viganò says, "Italy is a nation that can recover, as it has always done in the past, if she learns how to recover the pride of her true identity, her true history, and her true destiny in the plans of Providence." However, he notes that "the justice, peace, and prosperity of a Nation can be obtained only where Christ reigns, where His law is observed, and where the common good is placed ahead of personal profit and the thirst for power. Let us turn to the Lord, and the Lord will know how to reward our faithfulness."

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