

Turin, Italy

Opinions Before and After Deliberation on All Policy Issues

Note: Significance Levels - * $p < .10$; ** $p < .05$; *** $p < .01$

	T1(%)	T2(%)	T2 - T1(%)
***1. On the whole, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in Italy?			
Very dissatisfied	19.5	7.5	-12.03
Somewhat dissatisfied	45.4	34.7	-10.72
Fairly satisfied	33.3	53.2	19.85
Very satisfied	1.7	4.6	2.90
2: On the whole, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in EU?			
Very dissatisfied	8.0	3.7	-4.30
Somewhat dissatisfied	34.3	31.9	-2.36
Fairly satisfied	54.6	60.7	6.10
Very satisfied	3.1	3.7	0.61
3. Are you favorable or opposed to the fact that the foreign citizen residents in Italy can vote in local elections in Italy?			
strongly favorable	23.0	28.9	5.91
somewhat favorable	42.5	38.2	-4.38
neither favorable nor contrary	9.8	10.8	1.03
somewhat contrary	13.8	11.6	-2.23
strongly contrary	10.9	10.4	-0.52
4. And, are you favorable or opposed to the fact that the foreign citizen residents in Italy can vote in national political elections in Italy?			
strongly favorable	14.0	18.0	4.07
somewhat favorable	35.5	26.2	-9.31
neither favorable nor contrary	5.8	17.4	11.63
somewhat contrary	20.9	22.1	1.16
strongly contrary	23.8	16.3	-7.56
***5. Now, in order to become Italian is necessary to reside in Italy since 10 year. Are you favourable or opposed to make immigrants easier the Italian citizenship acquisition, for instance just after only 5 residence years in Italy?			
strongly favorable	15.7	22.1	6.39
somewhat favorable	30.8	36.6	5.82
neither favorable nor contrary	4.7	9.3	4.65
somewhat contrary	22.7	16.9	-5.81
strongly contrary	26.2	15.1	-11.04

6. If the right to vote is granted, how likely would you say each of the following consequences I'm going to read will happen on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is something that can't happen, 10 is something that's certain to happen, and 5 is something that's has about a fifty-fifty chance of happening.			
** (6A) Left-wing parties will benefit in elections			
0 Something that can't happen	7.1	3.1	-3.98
1	1.3	0.0	-1.28
2	3.2	3.1	-0.14
3	1.9	3.7	1.76
4	3.9	3.1	-0.78
5 Fifty-fifty chance of happening	16.7	44.8	28.09
6	10.9	5.5	-5.38
7	7.7	10.4	2.73
8	15.4	8.6	-6.79
9	5.1	3.1	-2.04
10 Something that's certain to happen	26.9	14.7	-12.20
(6B) Not many immigrants will actually vote			
0 Something that can't happen	13.1	4.2	-8.89
1	1.3	3.0	1.78
2	10.0	3.6	-6.36
3	2.5	4.2	1.74
4	3.8	9.1	5.34
5 Fifty-fifty chance of happening	26.9	42.4	15.54
6	9.4	6.7	-2.71
7	7.5	7.3	-0.23
8	10.0	9.7	-0.30
9	1.9	1.8	-0.06
10 Something that's certain to happen	13.8	7.9	-5.87
(6C) Our democratic life will be enriched			
0 Something that can't happen	15.6	11.7	-3.84
1	0.6	1.9	1.25
2	4.2	1.2	-2.96
3	5.4	4.9	-0.45
4	3.6	3.7	0.11
5 Fifty-fifty chance of happening	21.6	21.6	0.04
6	7.8	6.8	-0.99
7	13.2	11.1	-2.06
8	11.4	16.1	4.67
9	5.4	4.3	-1.07
10 Something that's certain to happen	11.4	16.7	5.29
(6D) Immigrants will become more attached to democracy			
0 Something that can't happen	12.6	10.1	-2.45
1	0.0	4.2	4.17
2	4.8	1.2	-3.60

3	6.0	7.1	1.15
4	3.6	5.4	1.77
5 Fifty-fifty chance of happening	25.2	18.5	-6.70
6	11.4	10.1	-1.26
7	9.0	12.5	3.52
8	12.6	14.9	2.31
9	4.2	0.6	-3.59
10 Something that's certain to happen	10.8	15.5	4.70
(6E) The immigrants will exploit democracy to promote undemocratic practices			
0 Something that can't happen	19.3	10.4	-8.85
1	2.4	8.6	6.18
2	8.4	12.3	3.84
3	6.6	9.2	2.57
4	10.8	7.4	-3.48
5 Fifty-fifty chance of happening	19.3	30.1	10.78
6	5.4	3.1	-2.35
7	2.4	4.3	1.88
8	8.4	3.7	-4.75
9	1.8	1.8	0.03
10 Something that's certain to happen	15.1	9.2	-5.86
(6F) Welfare benefits for immigrants will increase.			
0 Something that can't happen	5.1	3.7	-1.33
1	0.6	1.2	0.61
2	1.9	1.2	-0.66
3	3.2	2.5	-0.68
4	1.9	2.5	0.58
5 Fifty-fifty chance of happening	24.7	39.8	15.07
6	10.1	6.8	-3.30
7	13.9	6.8	-7.09
8	15.2	14.3	-0.90
9	2.5	3.7	1.20
10 Something that's certain to happen	20.9	17.4	-3.50
7. There are different opinions about immigrants from other countries living in Italy. (By "immigrants" we mean people who come to settle in Italy, not from EU member states). How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?			
**(7A) Immigrants increase crime rates			
Strongly agree	27.2	14.5	-12.71
Agree	37.6	33.1	-4.44
Neither agree nor disagree	11.0	28.9	17.94
Disagree	19.7	18.1	-1.58
Strongly disagree	4.6	5.4	0.80

(7B) Immigrants are generally good for our economy			
Strongly agree	17.8	13.8	-4.05
Agree	44.8	47.3	2.48
Neither agree nor disagree	21.3	23.4	2.09
Disagree	12.1	11.4	-0.69
Strongly disagree	4.0	4.2	0.17
(7C) Immigrants take jobs away from Italian citizens			
Strongly agree	10.9	5.5	-5.41
Agree	11.4	9.7	-1.73
Neither agree nor disagree	15.4	24.2	8.81
Disagree	43.4	45.5	2.02
Strongly disagree	18.9	15.2	-3.71
(7D) Immigrants improve our society by bringing in new ideas and cultures			
Strongly agree	13.2	13.3	0.03
Agree	37.4	41.0	3.60
Neither agree nor disagree	21.8	27.1	5.27
Disagree	14.9	12.1	-2.89
Strongly disagree	12.6	6.6	-6.01
(7E) Marriages between immigrants and Italians should be discouraged			
Strongly agree	5.3	7.2	1.90
Agree	11.8	11.4	-0.38
Neither agree nor disagree	19.4	25.2	5.74
Disagree	34.7	32.9	-1.78
Strongly disagree	28.8	23.4	-5.47
(7F) With equal skills, the recruitment of Italian citizens should be privileged vis-à-vis immigrants			
Strongly agree	18.9	12.7	-6.20
Agree	21.9	18.8	-3.10
Neither agree nor disagree	13.6	21.8	8.21
Disagree	26.6	32.1	5.49
Strongly disagree	18.9	14.6	-4.38
(7G) Immigrants are like us and therefore they should have the right to vote			
Strongly agree	15.5	17.5	1.99
Agree	46.4	36.4	-10.08
Neither agree nor disagree	14.9	24.7	9.82
Disagree	13.1	12.1	-1.05
Strongly disagree	10.1	8.4	-1.69
*(7H) People who pay taxes should have the right to vote			
Strongly agree	29.2	24.4	-4.84

Agree	55.6	42.9	-12.70
Neither agree nor disagree	5.9	22.0	16.17
Disagree	3.5	8.3	4.82
Strongly disagree	5.9	2.4	-3.47
8. Some people think that different Racial and ethnic groups need to adapt/integrate and blend into the large/our society, other people think that the Racial and ethnic groups need to maintain their customs and traditions distinct. On a scale of 0 to 10 , where 0 means integrate themselves and 10 means keep different customs and traditions, and 5 means a intermediate position, where would you place yourself along this scale? And, of course, other people have opinions at other points on the scale and if you are not able to answer let us know and we continue with the next question.			
0 Integrate themselves	25.9	18.2	-7.70
1	1.8	2.4	0.66
2	4.7	10.9	6.20
3	6.5	9.1	2.62
4	4.7	8.5	3.77
5 Intermediate position	38.2	41.2	2.97
6	1.2	2.4	1.24
7	5.9	2.4	-3.46
8	1.2	1.2	0.03
9	0.0	1.2	1.21
10 Keep different customs and traditions	10.0	2.4	-7.58
** 9. Are you favorable or opposed to the construction of the TAV/HST? TAV?			
strongly favorable	48.8	32.9	-15.90
somewhat favorable	22.1	28.2	6.15
neither favorable nor contrary	8.1	11.8	3.62
somewhat contrary	10.5	14.7	4.24
strongly contrary	10.5	12.4	1.88
10. A list of statements about the TAV/HST now follows. Could you tell me how much you agree or disagree with each of them?			
*** (10A) The costs for building the TAV/HST are much greater than the benefits			
Strongly agree	18.4	21.5	3.12
Agree	19.0	31.3	12.30
Neither agree nor disagree	15.2	19.0	3.83
Disagree	32.9	24.5	-8.37
Strongly disagree	14.6	3.7	-10.88

** (10B) The TAV/HST will permanently damage the Val di Susa countryside/territory			
Strongly agree	16.1	15.7	-0.35
Agree	15.5	30.8	15.34
Neither agree nor disagree	13.7	23.3	9.58
Disagree	29.8	22.0	-7.75
Strongly disagree	25.0	15.7	-9.28
** (10C) The TAV/HST is an important opportunity for the economic development of the Piemonte region			
Strongly agree	47.7	29.5	-18.15
Agree	26.2	38.0	11.79
Neither agree nor disagree	9.3	15.7	6.36
Disagree	10.5	7.8	-2.64
Strongly disagree	6.4	9.0	2.64
(10D) Those who are against TAV are also against progress			
Strongly agree	24.0	19.1	-4.93
Agree	22.2	14.9	-7.34
Neither agree nor disagree	12.3	29.2	16.89
Disagree	24.0	19.1	-4.93
Strongly disagree	17.5	17.9	0.32
11. Some people think that the NO TAV movement is against because the local population has not been involved in this decision,. other people think that the NO TAV movement is against because of the technical content of the TAV project. On a scale of 0 to 10 , where 0 means the NO TAV movement is against because the local population has not been involved in this decision and 10 means is against because of the technical contentns, and 5 means an intermediate position, where would you place yourself along this scale? And, of course, other people have opinions at other points on the scale and if you are not able to answer let us know and we continue with the next question			
0 NO TAV against because local population not involved	17.1	11.9	-5.19
1	1.3	3.0	1.71
2	5.7	3.0	-2.72
3	1.9	6.0	4.05
4	3.2	6.6	3.39
5 Intermediate position	30.4	38.7	8.31
6	2.5	3.0	0.45
7	6.3	6.0	-0.38
8	11.4	6.6	-4.84

	9	0.6	1.8	1.16
	10 NO TAV against because of technical considerations	19.6	13.7	-5.93
	12. Some people think that the NO TAV movement is worried about the negative consequences in Italy due to the TAV construction. Suppose these people are at one end of a 0 to 10 scale, at point 0. Other people think that NO TAV movement does not take into account the interests of Italian majority. Suppose these people are at the other end, at point 10. People who are exactly in-between are at point 5. And, of course, other people have opinions at other points on the scale. Where would you place yourself on this scale?			
	0 NO TAV worried about negative consequences of construction	12.3	11.6	-0.64
	1	1.2	2.3	1.10
	2	3.1	3.5	0.42
	3	1.8	5.2	3.39
	4	4.3	2.9	-1.38
	5 Exactly in the middle	21.5	28.5	7.02
	6	5.5	1.7	-3.78
	7	2.5	8.1	5.69
	8	14.7	12.8	-1.93
	9	3.7	2.9	-0.77
	10 NO TAV does not take into account the interests of Italian majority	29.5	20.4	-9.10
	13. Presently, four different alternatives are under discussion regarding the Turin-Lyon railway line.. Please, tell me how much in agreement you are with each of them/ please tell me to what extent you agree with each of them:			
	(13A) To maintain the old and present railway, updating it			
	Strongly agree	24.4	19.8	-4.65
	Agree	27.4	22.3	-5.09
	Neither agree nor disagree	5.4	21.0	15.66
	Disagree	23.2	26.1	2.90
	Strongly disagree	19.6	10.8	-8.81
	** (13B) To double the present line, going from two to four tracks			
	Strongly agree	16.2	8.0	-8.15
	Agree	32.3	20.7	-11.63
	Neither agree nor disagree	87.0	22.7	-64.33
	Disagree	26.1	34.7	8.58

Strongly disagree	16.8	14.0	-2.77
(13C) To go through the Val Sangone, This would allow to go through the Val di Susa main tunnel in and then pass through Orbassano, Val Sangone and Val di Susa			
Strongly agree	16.4	17.9	1.44
Agree	35.6	31.8	-3.83
Neither agree nor disagree	13.7	25.8	12.13
Disagree	19.9	16.6	-3.30
Strongly disagree	14.4	8.0	-6.43
(13D) The present TAV railway project: Up until now the plan is to have a route going North of Turin and then along the Valle di Susa and up to the entrance of the Venaus main tunnel, in Susa.			
Strongly agree	19.0	13.2	-5.79
Agree	32.7	30.9	-1.76
Neither agree nor disagree	13.1	21.1	7.98
Disagree	20.9	25.7	4.74
Strongly disagree	14.4	9.2	-5.17

Information Gains

Note: All changes are significant at .000 level.

Question	T1	T2	T2 - T1
K1. T1 Which of the following is true about immigrant voting rights	19.9	36.6	16.7
K2. T1 Which of these statements are true? (About commune)	19.4	51.9	32.4
K3. T1 How many years does one have to be resident in Turin in order to vote for the local district elections	27.3	46.8	19.4
K4. T1 What percentage of immigrants do you think will be entitled to this right, if granted? Is it ...	16.2	32.4	16.2
K5. T1 In Val di Susa the TAV /HST would only transport goods, only passengers or both, or couldn	64.8	79.6	14.8
K6. T1 At what stage is the work now. Is it ...	54.6	77.3	22.7
K7. T1 Do you remember in which year there were the major protests against the TAV/HST in Val di Susa?	23.6	59.7	36.1
Knowledge Index (Average across 7 knowledge items)	32.3	54.9	22.6

Event Evaluation Questions

	Post-only (%)
EVAL1. On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is “generally a waste of time”, 10 is “extremely valuable” and 5 is exactly in-between, how valuable was each of the following in helping you clarify your positions on the TAV issues?	
(EVAL 1A) Participating in the small group discussions	
0 Generally a waste of time	0.00
1	0.00
2	0.00
3	0.01
4	0.01
5 Exactly in the middle	0.06
6	0.02
7	0.05
8	0.14
9	0.17
10 Extremely valuable	0.54
(EVAL 1B) Meeting and talking to other participants outside of the formal discussions	
0 Generally a waste of time	0.00
1	0.00
2	0.00
3	0.00
4	0.02
5 Exactly in the middle	0.06
6	0.03
7	0.10
8	0.14
9	0.12
10 Extremely valuable	0.52
(EVAL 1C) The event as a whole	
0 Generally a waste of time	
1	0.00
2	0.00
3	0.01
4	0.00
5 Exactly in the middle	0.05
6	0.02
7	0.04
8	0.10
9	0.23
10 Extremely valuable	0.54

EVAL2. On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is “generally a waste of time”, 10 is “extremely valuable” and 5 is exactly in-between, how valuable was each of the following in helping you clarify your positions on the immigrant vote issues? (Dataset: Q54_01-03)		
(EVAL 2A) Participating in the small group discussions		
0 Generally a waste of time		0.00
1		0.00
2		0.01
3		0.01
4		0.02
5 Exactly in the middle		0.06
6		0.04
7		0.09
8		0.16
9		0.14
10 Extremely valuable		0.47
(EVAL 2B) Meeting and talking to other participants outside of the formal discussions		
0 Generally a waste of time		0.01
1		0.03
2		0.00
3		0.01
4		0.00
5 Exactly in the middle		0.08
6		0.04
7		0.15
8		0.13
9		0.15
10 Extremely valuable		0.40
(EVAL 2C) The event as a whole		
0 Generally a waste of time		
1		0.00
2		0.00
3		0.00
4		0.00
5 Exactly in the middle		0.08
6		0.01
7		0.08
8		0.14
9		0.18
10 Extremely valuable		0.51

Representativeness in Demographics: Comparing Participants and Non-Participants

Note: *** p<.01; *p<.10

	Participants' Mean (N=216)	Non-Participants' Mean (N=1524)
Gender		
Male	53.20%	48%
Female	46.80%	52%
Age		
	51.12 years	49.62 years
Education		
***Elementary or less	0.171	0.312
***Some medium education	0.153	0.098
Medium graduate	0.412	0.410
***University graduate	0.255	0.174
More than university education	0.009	0.006
Marital Status		
Single	0.258	0.222
***Married	0.559	0.659
***Divorced/Separated	0.122	0.064
Widowed	0.061	0.054
Profession		
*Self-Employed	0.130	0.107
Employee	0.264	0.264
***Laborer	0.042	0.086
Unemployed	0.009	0.009
Other	0.042	0.030
Not Working	0.514	0.504
Religion		
***Catholic	0.715	0.832
Orthodox	0.005	0.002
Protestant	0.014	0.010
Other Christianity	0.009	0.014
Hebrew	0.000	0.001
Muslim	0.000	0.001
Buddhist	0.009	0.006
***Atheist	0.108	0.069
***Agonstic	0.131	0.055
Other	0.009	0.010

Representativeness in Policy Attitudes: Comparing Participants and Non-Participants

Note: *** p<.01; **p<.05; *p<.10

	Participants' Mean (N)	Non-Participants' Mean (N)
1. On the whole, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in Italy?	0.407 (N=214)	0.393 (N=1503)
*** 2. On the whole, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in EU?	0.526 (N=201)	0.504 (N=1337)
3. Are you favorable or opposed to the fact that the foreign citizen residents in Italy can vote in local elections in Italy?	0.632 (N=214)	0.613 (N=1482)
4. And, are you favorable or opposed to the fact that the foreign citizen residents in Italy can vote in national political elections in Italy?	.485 (N=212)	.489 (N=1467)
5. Now, in order to become Italian is necessary to reside in Italy since 10 year. Are you favourable or opposed to make immigrants easier the Italian citizenship acquisition, for instance just after only 5 residence years in Italy?	.468 (N=212)	.479 (N=1486)
6. If the right to vote is granted, how likely would you say each of the following consequences I'm going to read will happen on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is something that can't happen, 10 is something that's certain to happen, and 5 is something that's has about a fifty-fifty chance of happening.		
(6A) Left-wing parties will benefit in elections	.666 (N=195)	.619 (N=1342)
(6B) Not many immigrants will actually vote	.517 (N=199)	.534 (N=1376)
(6C) Our democratic life will be enriched	.539 (N=206)	.499 (N=1414)
(6D) Immigrants will become more attached to democracy	.552 (N=208)	.509 (N=1392)
(6E) The immigrants will exploit democracy to promote undemocratic practices	.455 (N=203)	.474 (N=1365)
(6F) Welfare benefits for immigrants will increase.	.657 (N=194)	.610 (N=1304)
7. There are different opinions about immigrants from other countries living in Italy. (By "immigrants" we mean people who come to settle in Italy, not from EU member states). How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?		
(7A) Immigrants increase crime rates	.652 (N=212)	.657 (N=1491)
** (7B) Immigrants are generally good for our economy	.642 (N=211)	.599 (N=1489)

(7C) Immigrants take jobs away from Italian citizens	.400 (N=214)	.418 (N=1510)
(7D) Immigrants improve our society by bringing in new ideas and cultures	.559 (N=213)	.539 (N=1498)
(7E) Marriages between immigrants and Italians should be discouraged	.329 (N=210)	.358 (N=1479)
(7F) With equal skills, the recruitment of Italian citizens should be privileged vis-à-vis immigrants	.488 (N=208)	.543 (N=1486)
(7G) Immigrants are like us and therefore they should have the right to vote	.608 (N=207)	.604 (N=1472)
(7H) People who pay taxes should have the right to vote	.742 (N=211)	.731 (N=1493)
8. Some people think that different Racial and ethnic groups need to adapt/integrate and blend into the large/our society, other people think that the Racial and ethnic groups need to maintain their customs and traditions distinct. On a scale of 0 to 10 , where 0 means integrate themselves and 10 means keep different customs and traditions, and 5 means a intermediate position, where would you place yourself along this scale? And, of course, other people have opinions at other points on the scale and if you are not able to answer let us know and we continue with the next question.	.406 (N=209)	.423 (N=1465)
9. Are you favorable or opposed to the construction of the TAV/HST? TAV?	.707 (N=208)	.692 (N=1450)
10. A list of statements about the TAV/HST now follows. Could you tell me how much you agree or disagree with each of them?		
(10A) The costs for building the TAV/HST are much greater than the benefits	.478 (N=183)	.486 (N=1246)
(10B) The TAV/HST will permanently damage the Val di Susa countryside/territory	.428 (N=199)	.455 (N=1414)
(10C) The TAV/HST is an important opportunity for the economic development of the Piemonte region	.740 (N=208)	.730 (N=1457)
(10D) Those who are against TAV are also against progress	.522 (N=207)	.522 (N=1458)

11. Some people think that the NO TAV movement is against because the local population has not been involved in this decision,. other people think that the NO TAV movement is against because of the technical content of the TAV project. On a scale of 0 to 10 , where 0 means the NO TAV movement is against because the local population has not been involved in this decision and 10 means is against because of the technical contentns, and 5 means an intermediate position, where would you place yourself along this scale? And, of course, other people have opinions at other points on the scale and if you are not able to answer let us know and we continue with the next question	.549 (N=192)	.544 (N=1383)
12. Some people think that the NO TAV movement is worried about the negative consequences in Italy due to the TAV construction. Suppose these people are at one end of a 0 to 10 scale, at point 0. Other people think that NO TAV movement does not take into account the interests of Italian majority. Suppose these people are at the other end, at point 10. People who are exactly in-between are at point 5. And, of course, other people have opinions at other points on the scale. Where would you place yourself on this scale?	.636 (N=197)	.503 (N=1394)
13. Presently, four different alternatives are under discussion regarding the Turin-Lyon railway line.. Please, tell me how much in agreement you are with each of them/ please tell me to what extent you agree with each of them:		
*** (13A) To maintain the old and present railway, updating it	.555 (N=195)	.610 (N=1389)
(13B) To double the present line, going from two to four tracks	.527 (N=184)	.538 (N=1316)
(13C) To go through the Val Sangone, This would allow to go through the Val di Susa main tunnel in and then pass through Orbassano, Val Sangone and Val di Susa	.550 (N=155)	.530 (N=1141)
(13D) The present TAV railway project: Up until now the plan is to have a route going North of Turin and then along the Valle di Susa and up to the entrance of the Venaus main tunnel, in Susa.	.550 (N=169)	.597 (N=1228)