

## **The crisis of government and what awaits us: Potere al Popolo will be there!**

What's going on these days is there for all to see. We are in the middle of a theatrics of interests of political forces that have nothing to do with the interests of the real country.

On the other hand, the Lega and the 5 Star Movement, in a year and a half of government, have done very little to meet the needs of the working classes: no trace of serious and effective measures to redistribute wealth, to restart and develop the productive fabric of the country while protecting the millions of jobs pulverized by the crisis, no extension of rights and no concrete improvement in the living conditions of the majority of the population, the poorest.

The 5 Stars Movement did not just need to have a more than submissive attitude towards its government ally in order to shroud it. Di Maio's "neither right nor left" party betrayed principles and promises in favour of the popular social classes on which it had accumulated a boom of certified consensus not even two years ago: the capitulation on the TGV Turin-Lyon and on the environmental battles, the substantial stalemate on social issues (what happened to the riders' decree? The minimum wage? The revocation of the concessions to Benetton? The cut of the F-35?), until closing your eyes on the shameful Decree Security bis and giving in on the parliamentary immunity of the same Salvini ...

This was not enough for the Lega and now it is pawing to capitalise on the changed balance of power between the two parties, as enshrined in the European vote. Certainly not to do what we need to do: Salvini has been shaken to gain more power and bring to fruition what is in the DNA of his party, since 1994: a program for the benefit of the usual ones, embodied by de-regulation of contracts and autonomy differentiated, or tax relief in favour of parasitic wealth, freedom of tax evasion and exploitation of labour.

Outside the government contract, he looks at the Democratic Party (PD) to whom, all things considered, a Salvini government might not do horror. Beyond the repeated appeal for unity against the Lega's black wave, the agreement with Lega on strategic policies is astonishing: the realization of large useless works, opposition to the minimum wage, fiscal measures and budget law aligned with austerity and European demands, accelerated on regional autonomy (see Emilia Romagna). It seems that the only real interest of the Democratic Party, to which Zingaretti has not imposed any change of guard worthy of note on the contents, is the disappearance of the 5 Stars, a cumbersome presence that prevents demons to recover the space that is their own, that of bipolarism.

So, when we wrote theatrics meant this: power games made and thought of on the skin of the working classes, which will pay dearly. You only have to look at today's day: the spread that has splashed since this morning, the economic manoeuvre at the end of the year to which no one wants to lend their face (Salvini first, preferring to open a crisis!), the increase in VAT to 25% at the gates ...

If this is the picture and these are the actors, it is to be expected that **no solution to the government crisis will go in the direction that we would like**, useful to all citizens, whether they go to the polls or not.

Could a PD-M5S government today be better than a centre-right government with Salvinian traction in terms of maintaining the structure of democratic institutions? *Perhaps it would be on a formal level*, at least in terms of respect for civil and political freedoms, but there is no need to be certain. The constitutional counter-reforms of these decades were born in the PD house, which is also the house of Minniti. What is certain is that from the social point of view nothing would change, given the absolute contiguity between centre-right and centre-left in terms of parasitic fiscal and industrial policies, labour protection, privatisation, cuts in school and social spending. On the contrary: a PD regency government, as already happened in the past, risks today to amplify even more the success of Salvini, who will play to make a big voice against the measures of those who will take charge of the Budget Law of "tears and blood", the increase in VAT, the compatibility with European parameters to fall within the "budget holes" left by the same Salvini!

*So, what should we do?*

**There is no need to be depressed or complained about, no need to be blackmailed once again by the logic of the “least worst”.** We need to organize ourselves, to be courageous, without fear. And to treasure what we have learned in these months.

First of all, we must start from the awareness that the task of the 5 Star Movement (M5S) was to capture the hope of a transformation, defuse possible conflicts and move a large part of the “own social block” to the right, giving it to the Lega. In recent months, the ideological nature of the 5 Star Movement has been revealed: it is a reactionary and ideological one, willing to mediate on everything in order to remain in government. This is something that we had sensed from the beginning, and it is among those that led us to create Potere al Popolo, precisely because we were not accomplices, to offer an alternative to an announced disaster.

The reality is that since March 4th, the M5S has been completely sucked by the alliance with those who had a much stronger project, outlined, structured.

Parliament has lacked any form of opposition that would gather the demands of the struggles of the social movements, any reading that pushed “from the left” the sides in the field, and everything has been reduced to the fake opposition to liberal labelled PD.

What has been lacking in this year and a half is what we must build as an absolute priority. We must equip ourselves with a megaphone that will lead to the weighing, also within the institutional framework, of the demands of the conflictual movements that live on their own skin the deepest inequalities of the Italian society. Other things would not be useful, neither to be witnesses nor to become satellites of the PD pole.

**The real opposition will arise between the streets, between the living forces of the country, and we will devote all our energy to build and strengthen it, to become a useful tool,** with the Houses of the People, the mutual activity, social disputes, the presence in the battles of workers, the initiatives that we have already put in place and that we will extend regardless of the election rounds.

There is no other way to avoid - really! - that our country suffers an authoritarian drift, not only in the forms of institutions and the legal and regulatory framework, but also in substance, in social relations. We need **to build an independent representation of struggles and conflicts that will be felt throughout the rest of the political body, that will be candidates to lead our country in the name of social justice.**

**It is with this in mind that, in order to do this, if we were to go to elections, we would be there,** to make our voice heard, trying to speak to the many who no longer vote, to those who have felt betrayed, to those who have never had hope, to the exploited workers, to the disillusioned young people, to the women who feel more and more alone, to those who fight. It is up to us, to all those who have no intention of going home, to those who have not sold out to the highest bidder, to those who put on their shoulders the small and daily battles that improve our territories, the task of being a collective resource, open to those who want to transform what is and cannot be enough.

That's why we give appointment to all those who want to join, who want to contribute and organize together, at the [National Camping](#) planned from August 28 to September 1 in Isola Capo Rizzuto!

*Translation in English of the communiqué:*

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