

Women's political participation in Italy

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Abstract:

Political participation in Italy is still very low. People aged 14 and over going to meetings, participating in parades, financially supporting a party or doing free activities for a party are very few. Political participation is mostly expressed in less evident forms. In fact is more frequent to find people who talk about politics, inform each other on this subject or listening to political debates. Women participate in a less active way than men, they show the greatest lack of interest and express a stronger sense of distrust in politics. The gender gap, less noticeable among younger (14-17 years), is higher in later life and become obvious for people aged 64 years and over.

The work will present data on the political participation of women in Italy in the last 10 years with particular reference to all the forms through which it is expressed. A comparison with other European countries will be also provided.