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04.07.2026: Further Right Than Meloni: How Vannacci Is Redrawing Italy's Far-Right Landscape

For a long time, Giorgia Meloni considered the right-wing fringe of the Italian electorate to be safely hers. But now competition is forming from even further right: Former military general and MEP Roberto Vannacci unveiled his far-right party Futuro Nazionale and its program on [June 14](#).

Vannacci, who was greeted by his party colleagues as "Julius Caesar", is no longer an unknown figure in Italy. As a candidate for the far-right Lega under Matteo Salvini, he won a seat in the European Parliament with around [500,000 votes](#). In February, he announced his break with the party to pursue his "[dream](#)" and "[go far](#)". "Far" in this case means a political agenda shifted even further to the right.

This is clearly reflected in the party program. In a country with one of the most restrictive immigration policies in Europe, one that already cooperates with authoritarian torture regimes to prevent people from entering Europe, Vannacci is demanding that the share of non-Italian citizens be reduced from the current roughly 12 percent to 4 percent. He links this goal to the fascist slogan "[Italia agli italiani](#)" (Italy for Italians).

The party also openly promotes sexist positions on social policy. In a country where, after years of feminist struggle, [the criminal offense of femicide](#) was only introduced a few months ago and where official figures show that nearly 100 women were killed on the basis of their gender in 2025 alone, with the actual number likely far higher, Vannacci denies the existence of femicide altogether. He described the introduction of the new criminal offense as "[brainwashing](#)". Instead, he insists on an alleged equality between men and women and argues that there is therefore [no special need](#) to protect women.

In a country that, by international comparison, has one of [the lowest rates of homicide and violent crime](#), Futuro Nazionale places security and defense at the very top of its political priorities. To that end, the party calls for a massive [expansion of prisons](#), law enforcement and surveillance structures.

These neo-fascist, populist demands are finding traction in an Italy suffering [from drastic social cuts](#) and instability under the Meloni government. Within a short period of time, around [100,000 people](#) are said to have already joined the party, while polls now place Futuro Nazionale at close to [five percent](#). With that, the party could become a serious challenge to Fratelli d'Italia's dominance in the upcoming parliamentary elections in spring.

Yet the hope for social resistance and solidary counter-movements has not been lost. On the contrary, they are strong and remain so. In recent weeks, large antifascist protests against the founding of Vannacci's party took place in several Italian cities. On June 13, an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 people took to the streets in Rome under the banner "[Fuck Remigration](#)", sending a loud signal against fascism and Italy's racist deportation policies. In Florence as well, around [3,000 demonstrators](#) stood against a "stroll" event organized by approximately 300 supporters of Futuro Nazionale.

Once again, this makes clear: far-right forces in Europe are on the rise, but the counter-movements remain loud and tightly organized. There is a great deal of hope, and many networks, organizations, and groups that are actively working to combat fascism and oppose the neo-fascist political landscape in Italy and around the world.

