

THE NEW ITALIAN GOVERNMENT 2018

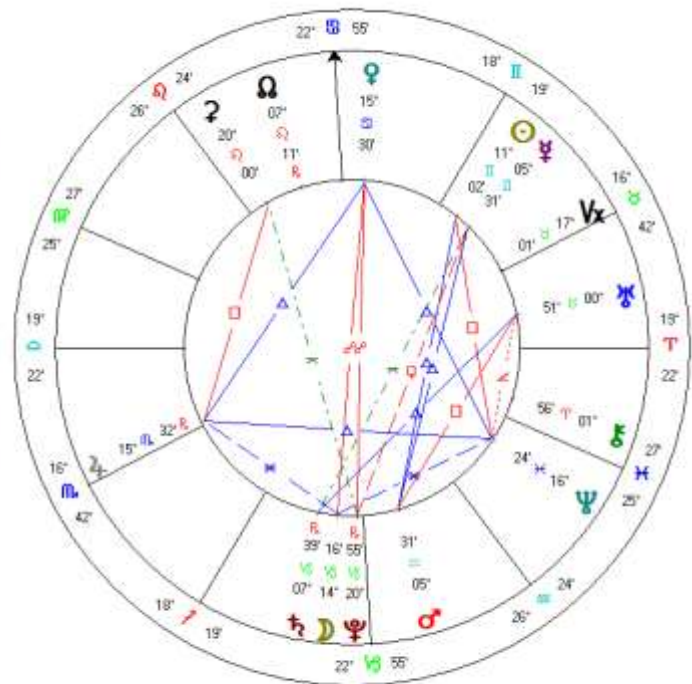
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On 1 Jun 18 at 4:09 PM CEDT in Rome, the new Italian government was sworn in as Giuseppe Conte took over the role of Italy's Prime Minister. Also sworn in a minute or two later were Matteo Salvini of the Lega Nord (Northern League) Party as the interior minister and Luigi Di Maio of the Cinque Stelle (Five Star) Party as Labor and Economic Development minister. Also sworn in was Giovanni Tria, a member of the [Magna Carta](#)¹ think tank (which has close connections with US neocons) as Minister of the Economy. The [Conte Cabinet](#)² is a very interesting mix of people. There are eight Ministers from Cinque Stelle, six from Lega Nord, and six independents. On the whole it

Conte swearing-in
Natal Chart
1 Jun 2018, Fri
4:09 pm, CEDT -2:00
Rome, Italy
41°N54' 012"E29°
Ecliptic
Tropical
Placidus
True Node



Pt	Name	Hz	Long	Decl
♂	Eris 136199	7	23°05'2	-91°52'
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♁	Sedna 90377	8	23°04'4	+07°56'
♃	Pallas 2	9	04°23'0	-00°25'
♁	Varuna 20000	10	29°25'8	-23°02'
♃	Ceres 1	10	20°00'047	+28°02'
♃	2002 AA197 50565	11	29°07'19	-01°12'
♃	Orcus 90462	11	00°07'06	-09°38'
♃	2005 FY9 999002	12	07°05'54 S.	+28°47'
♃	2001 EL61 999002	1	20°05'54 S.	+17°36'
♃	Jocin 28978	5	28°07'41 S.	-20°40'
♃	Quasar 50000	3	01°05'23 S.	-15°28'
♃	Vesta 4	3	02°00'0257 E.	-10°27'
♃	Hylla 10	6	29°04'42	+02°42'



is a populist, right-wing, Euro-skeptic government. The chart for the government is below:

In his inauguration speech, Conte outlined the following [policy goals](#)³ for his government to the Senate of the Italian Parliament:

Migration:

- For the Dublin regulation — which requires people seeking asylum to register in the first EU state they enter — to be overhauled.
- To set up an automatic, obligatory system to re-distribute of asylum seekers.
- “We are not and will never be racists.” Changing procedures that determine refugee status to be certain and speedy, to effectively guarantee their (refugee) rights.

Foreign policy:

- To reaffirm membership of NATO, with the United States of America as a privileged ally. [This will likely prove to be problematic in the future, especially regarding the next point.]
- To support opening up to Russia. A push for a review of the sanctions system, starting with those that risk humiliating Russian civil society. [The US has already [weighed in](#).⁴]

Public finances:

- To reduce the public debt, but to do it by increasing wealth, not with austerity that, in recent years, has helped to make it (public debt) grow. "Italian public debt is fully sustainable today. However, its reduction must be pursued, but with a view to economic growth."

Pensions and wages:

- To provide income support for families most affected by socio-economic hardship. The support will be conditional on vocational training and job reintegration in a first phase, to strengthen the employment centers.
- Take action to help pensioners who do not have enough income to live in a dignified manner.
- To cut the pensions and annuities of parliamentarians, regional councilors and employees of constitutional bodies. The so-called 'golden pensions' are another example of unjustified privilege that must be opposed. To intervene on pensions that exceed 5,000 euros per month when the sum has not been covered by the contributions paid.

Some of these goals are quite do-able, while yet others will meet with swift and strong resistance, like cutting pensions to parliamentarians, supporting Russia and abandoning economic austerity measures, the latter putting this government directly at odds with ECB and IMF policies. The 'Russia card' has already been played, in seeking to distract attention away from the economic cause of Italy's problems, by the likes of [George Soros](#)⁵, whereas the truth about the Italian election that led to this government is economic, about Italy's relationship to other EU countries – most notably France and Germany – and about unfair and unrealistic migrant policies. But, Italy has always been innovative in terms of government, if sometimes little understood by the world at large, and this government can bring positive changes both to Italy and to the EU if the new government comports itself well. So, given the preceding points, what does the chart for this government show?

The first thing that stands out is the placement of the Sun in the 8th house, which reflects taxes, creditors, pensions, foreign banking interests, the insurance industry, income from partnerships, debt and regeneration. These are the main points this government seeks to address, from the listing above. However, the Sun is in an approaching square to Neptune, the latter placed in the 5th house (the Senate, ambassadors, happiness or sorrow, public schools), albeit also in a separating trine to Mars from the 4th house (opposition parties and the public mood), the latter showing the energy and enthusiasm of the government. The Sun, representing purpose and vitality, as well as leadership in general, is thus in a curious position. On the one hand it shows an energetic and courageous approach (Mars), but on the other hand, also shows an unrealistic attitude at times (Neptune), or perhaps some fundamental flaw in thinking, probably reflected in the inexperience of its main leaders (Conte, Salvini and di Maio) as well as factors that will sap the energy of this government, represented by Neptune by opposition from within the Parliament.

In addition, Pluto sits on the 4th house cusp and squares the horizon of the chart. This represents the issues from the past that need to be resolved, and Italy has its share of them: the north/south divide, organized crime (especially in the south) and the effects of neoliberal economics. The square to the horizon represents the potential for change for which the people (1st house) voted. The Cancer midheaven (the populist government) is ruled by the Moon, which is conjunct Pluto. Pluto also introduces the struggles to come and the need to transform Italian society to some degree. Pluto has a natural resonance with the 8th house, being the natural ruler of that house, so again we have the 8th house emphasis of this administration. Pluto rules the banking sector in this chart, which is one of the primary areas in need of overhaul in Italy. Pluto is also part of a stellium with the Moon and Saturn, covered next.

Other than the Sun and Pluto, we find a grand trine with Venus, Jupiter and Neptune. Jupiter and Neptune are also both sextile the Moon, the latter ruling the 10th house (the sitting government) and placed in the 3rd (communications, the press and commerce), and the latter also completing a Saturn/Pluto conjunction, thus making a kite within the chart. This is a grand trine that normally would have finances and wealth written large, as well as great public appeal. Venus has a dual rulership over the public mood (1st house) and the management of debt, pensions and financial relations with the EU (8th house). The Moon/Saturn/Pluto combination releases the energy of the grand trine and shows a government that has much in the way of public support (grand trine) at its disposal, but which also shows the great struggles (Saturn/Pluto) that lay ahead. On top of that, Pluto is in hard aspect to all the angles of the chart, indicating an administration that is bound to shake up the established orders. The square between Neptune and the Sun also serves to release the energy of the grand trine, which will come either through poor policy decisions or through resistance or even sabotage by parliamentarians. The Moon/Saturn/Pluto stellium can also indicate tenacity and the pursuit of difficult tasks, which this government has surely undertaken.

The Libra ascendant represents the general mood of the populace, but also the coalition nature of the government. Venus, ruling the ascendant, is elevated in the chart in the 9th house, which highlights immigration concerns, among other things. However, being the focal point of the kite and grand trine, this shows a more optimistic note than what one would normally expect from such a coalition. In a way, this is a highly idealistic chart, with quite a dream-like undertone. However, any tendency to get lost in dreams of change will quickly be brought to reality by the stellium opposite Venus. The best case scenario would be for the considerable grace indicated in the grand trine to be put to hard work via the stellium. The worst case would be for the government to back down from challenges and get lost in confusion, muddling along until the next election was called or the Parliament gave a vote of no-confidence, forcing fresh elections.

It has [been noted](#)⁶ that the Conte government has already allied itself with old-guard right-wing parliamentarians, perhaps seemingly representing more of the same in terms of government, but also experience in what needs to be done and how to work the system. [The biggest problem](#)⁷ that has beset Italians in recent years has been the neoliberal economic policies of the EU in general and left-leaning Italian governments (most notably, by the Partito Democratico), especially since the 2008 financial crisis. This has led to de-industrialization, austerity measures, financialization, high unemployment, capital and industrial flight, and brain drain. De-industrialization is most notable in the north of Italy, which is where Lega Nord has its roots, with deindustrialization and the replacing of blue collar workers with immigrants being at the root of the formation of Lega Nord. Now, instead of a once vibrant economy and world-class industries, many of the old industrial cities have gone the way of the [Rust Belt](#)⁸ in the US. Small family businesses have been decimated. Italians have had enough. As it is increasingly so in other developed nations, people are voting for change, a return of national sovereignty and economic uplifting. This is acutely a problem in the EU countries of Europe, where the EU government in Brussels insists on the neoliberal economic model and is not easily swayed from its positions. Italians saw what happened to Greece under EU and IMF policies, and they are having none of it.

Aside from the grand trine in the chart, one of the more interesting features is the square between Mars and Uranus, with Uranus in the 7th house (contracts, allies, legal matters). Uranus, representing the urge to better conditions (greater human freedom and humanism in general), also represents immigrants, legal and illegal. Immigration policy has been a real thorn of contention in southern Europe, with the mass of illegal immigrants entering through Spain, Greece and Italy, especially since 2015. Italy and Spain have borne the brunt of immigration from Africa. Many of the illegal immigrants want nothing more than to become a part of society and contribute to what will hopefully be their new homelands. However, there are also many migrants who are quite demanding, refuse to even learn the language of their adopted countries, for instance, and who think

they are entitled to government handouts and housing. It is the latter who have caused the groundswell of opinion against the [Dublin regulation](#)⁹, along with the large numbers of them.

Immigration was a large factor in the recent election, and the [majority of Italians](#)¹⁰ view the present policies as a big problem for the country. Illegal immigration was [down by 60%](#)¹¹ as of the first of this year, but the stigma remains, as well as most of the migrants already on European shores. If there were to be one area where Italian laws would change (Uranus in the 7th house) and which would cause upset in Europe (Mars square to Uranus), it would be in the arena of immigration policy. Mars also rules the 7th house (litigation), so we can expect some lively debate in the Italian Parliament and in Brussels over the Conte government's policies. We can also expect this government to cause a fair few upsets in legal affairs. And probably at the heart of Italy's immigration woes was the [destruction of the Libyan state](#)¹² by the US and NATO, which has allowed a flood of illegal immigrants to reach Italian shores through that country in the first place. Berlusconi, in one of his [clearer moments](#)¹³, stated that he was firmly against that intervention, but that the Italian Parliament had tied his hands. So, with a firm commitment to NATO with this government, it would appear that they have tied their own hands on matters pertaining to Russia and other foreign policy issues.

Synastry Grid

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♄		♁ 6S58	♁ 4A19	♁ 4A19					♂ 3A12	♂ 3A08												
♅		♁ 3A00										♁ 1A16	♁ 2S28								♁ 3S31	
♆		♂ 6A59	♂ 4S18																		♁ 1S54	
♇	♁ 1S40	♁ 0S52					♁ 1S26		♁ 0S59			♁ 0A51								♁ 5A39	♂ 1S00	
♈		♂ 7A41					♂ 2S51						♁ 5A56	♂ 3S31	♁ 2A12					♁ 1A09		
♉			♁ 3A25						♁ 2A19	♁ 2A14										♁ 1A01	♁ 0A35	
♊	♁ 3S25		♁ 1A04	♁ 1A04					♂ 2A11	♂ 2A15			♁ 0S52									
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♍		♁ 1S20																		♁ 4A08	♁ 5A11	♁ 1S28
♎				♂ 0A27	♂ 8A36	♁ 4A16	♁ 0S39	♁ 0S43				♁ 2A25	♁ 7A56	♁ 1S19	♁ 1S56							
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Finally, as for effects on the EU, watch German/Italian relations very closely, as Germany is the main power broker in the EU. There is already [negative and inflammatory press](#)¹⁴ coming out of Germany regarding this administration. Also, in looking at the synastry (above) between the Conte government and the EU, the aforementioned Mars/Uranus square sits proudly on the EU Sun and Midheaven, stirring up the EU leadership. There have been numerous articles touting the need for fundamental changes in central EU policies. This government will be a test case for the rest of Europe. If the EU refuses to bend and insists on austerity and enforcement of EU policies, the Leo/Sagittarius nature of Italy will kick in, and we will likely begin to hear calls from within Italy to leave the EU. Jean-Claude Juncker, EU Commission President, was recently heard to say that Italians should not be ‘[lectured](#)’¹⁵ by German-speaking countries (i.e., Germany, Austria, Belgium and Switzerland), but warnings are already coming out of the ECB about the negative consequences for Italy should it push matters too hard and talk about leaving the EU. We are likely to see quite a lot of alarmist press out of Europe as Italians seek to ease their situation and reclaim their economic and social sovereignty. Their best bet is to ally themselves with other countries in a similar situation – Spain, Portugal and Ireland, for instance – and bring pressure to bear on Brussels and the ECB. It is going to be a very interesting ride. A breakup of the EU is not really on the cards, but tensions will be riding high in Europe in the next couple of years. And, there is going to be considerable pressure on the Conte government to toe the line on key measures, both from within the continent and from overseas.

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