

Appendix

Number of interviews and occasions of participant observation

Case	Interviews		Participant observation
	Privileged witnesses	Members and activists	
<i>Partito Democratico</i>	9	8	13
<i>Movimento 5 Stelle</i>	11	4	10
<i>Noi Siamo Torino</i>	/	10	13

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List of interviewees, Partito Democratico

Number	Description	Date
1	A journalist, part of the editorial staff of the website of the party	10/2/2016
2	A former chief of national organisation (Bersani secretariat)	10/2/2016
3	A journalist, former chief of YouDem (Bersani secretariat)	11/2/2016
4	A member of the commission in charge of writing the party statute	25/2/2016
5	A Turinese MP elected in 2013 (Chamber of Deputies)	4/3/2016
6	One of the founders of the online circle of Turin	8/3/2016
7	Member, secretary local section, Turin	7/4/2016
8	Turinese member, ex PCI	11/5/2016
9	Turinese member	17/5/2016
10	Turinese member, elected in district council	27/5/2016
11	Turinese member	31/5/2016
12	One of the founders of the online circle of Bologna	7/6/2016
13	Turinese member	9/6/2016
14	Former Turinese member, ex PCI	10/6/2016
15	Turinese member, elected to district council	31/11/2016
16	A senior executive of the party (Renzi secretariat)	23/11/2016
17	A chief of national organisation (Renzi secretariat)	23/11/2016
18	A chief of national communication (Renzi secretariat)	9/2/2017

List of interviewees, Movimento 5 Stelle

Number	Description	Date
1	Chief of the electoral campaign of Chiara Appendino	5/3/2016
2	MP elected in 2013 (Senate)	25/3/2016
3	Turinese activist	9/4/2016
4	District councillor, Turin (elected in 2011)	1/6/2016
5	Turinese activist	10/6/2016
6	MP elected in 2013 (Chamber of Deputies), later expelled	6/8/2016
7	One of the first members of the Turinese M5S, now critical	23/9/2016
8	MP elected in 2013 (Senate)	7/10/2016
9	Regional councillor, Piedmont region (elected in 2010)	4/11/2016
10	Turinese activist	28/1/2017
11	Former Turinese activist, now critical	20/7/2017
12	Writer and journalist, close to local social movements	5/6/2018
13	City councillor, Turin (elected in 2016)	20/6/2018
14	Turinese journalist (mainstream media)	21/6/2018
15	Member of Turin city executive (<i>assessore</i>)	25/6/2018

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Noi Siamo Torino, summary of the profile of the interviewees

No.	Age	Sex	Profession	Member of the PD	Social Volunteering	Date
1	23	M	University student	Yes	Yes, animal rights	24/5/16
2	17	M	High school student	Yes	No, politics is volunteering	10/6/16
3	68	M	Retired teacher	Yes, from the PCI	Yes, local committees	28/6/16
4	46	M	Tailor	No, but close	Yes, immigrants' integration	29/6/16
5	27	F	University student	No, not identified with any party	Yes, social volunteering	15/6/16
6	70	M	Retired administrative executive	Yes, from the PDS	No, politics is volunteering	6/7/16
7	68	F	Retired janitor	Yes	Yes, social volunteering	29/6/16
8	23	M	University student	No, but he was. Primary voter	No, but he would like to	21/6/16
9	55	M	Worker	Yes, from the PCI. Member of trade unions	Yes, social volunteering	21/6/16
10	78	M	Retired entrepreneur	Yes, from the PCI	No, politics is volunteering	14/6/16