

PD's elected parliamentarians: Reelection rate, women, and political composition

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PD, taking advantage of the majority's bonus at the Chamber of Deputies, has obtained 297 deputies (292 elected in Italy and 5 elected abroad). At the Senate, where it has won the majority's bonus in 10 regions over 17, it has obtained 110 senators (106¹ elected in Italy and 4 elected abroad). Hence, the overall PD's delegation in Rome is composed of 407 parliamentarians. The outgoing delegation was made of 290 members of the party. One should not consider here the other outgoing parliamentarians still registered in the PD's parliamentary groups at the moment of the breaking up: the nine radicals, the eight passing from PD to Monti, and Beppe Lumia, who, even if a Democrat, was a candidate and has been elected in the Crocetta's Megafono list.

Of the 290 outgoing parliamentarians, 145 (exactly half of them) have withdrawn their candidacy. Of the other 145, 101 have succeeded in being reelected, and 44 did not make it. This way, the reelected outgoing parliamentarians will be 145 over 407 in this legislature, or 35.6%. These data are on average with the overall data and are also very low if one considers that the party has massively increased its representation and that it could have placed in an eligible status a much bigger number of outgoing parliamentarians.

As the reader might recall, PD has had primary elections in order to establish the lists' composition, even if the party's secretary has reserved for himself the right to choose directly some of the candidates (124 to be precise). Of the 407 elected parliamentarians, 287 have been selected by the

Table 1. PD's elected parliamentarians: PD's outgoing parliamentarians' fate

	N	%
Reelected	145	50.0
Failed to be reelected	44	15.2
Withdrawn	101	34.8
Total of the outgoing	290	100

primary elections and 111 from the lists (to these, one should add the 9 parliamentarians elected abroad that cannot be included in any of the two categories). Hence, 72% of the Democrats elected in Italy have collected votes directly in the territory.

Of the 287 coming from the primary elections, 96 (33.4%) are outgoing parliamentarians. Of the 113 chosen by Bersani, 44 (39.4%) are outgoing parliamentarians, without considering the 5 parliamentarians (out of 9) reconfirmed abroad. Regarding the women, they are in total 155 out of 407, or 38.1%. This is the highest percentage together with that of the M5S. In the outgoing group, they were 29.6% (86 out of 290): the increase is remarkable, and this is a point on which the party has insisted a lot. They are 125 (43.6%) among the candidates coming from the territory and only 28 (25.2%) in Bersani's list and two elected abroad.

To conclude, let us try to investigate which is the political origin of the new democratic group in the Parliament in order to determine if something has changed with respect to the most recent past. In the total of the outgoing parliamentarians, the ex-DS represented almost 59% and the ex-DL almost 36%. There were also about 10 independents and some exponents of small parties. The changes that,

¹ . In this calculation, only one out of the six elected parliamentarians of the center-left in Trentino-Alto Adige—Giorgio Tonini—is considered part of PD. The other five belong to other parties: two belong to SVP, one to PATT, one is an independent, and one is from Monti's list.

Table 2. PD's elected parliamentarians: Disaggregation between lists and primary elections of the new PD's elected parliamentarians (women and outgoing parliamentarians in the two groups)

	List		Primary		Total	Abroad	
Women	28	25.2	125	43.6	153	38.4	2
Outgoing	44	39.6	96	33.4	140	35.2	5
Total	111	27.9	287	72.1	398	100	9

under this respect, were emerging in the new democratic group at the Chamber of Deputies are not relevant but are still present: The ex-DS maintain a position of absolute preeminence with 57.3% of the members. The ex-DL remain almost unchanged as far as the numbers are concerned; therefore, they go down in percentage. The presence of independents, with whom Bersani has filled up the lists, goes up in a significant way. The component of the so-called native Democrats made of politicians with no previous experience in the two founding parties makes its first appearance. These native Democrats come from the civic lists or are simply at their very first experience with politics. Socialists in the Parliament are five (plus one elected abroad).

The data concerning the supporters of Renzi have been foreseen: 50 elected in total, with 14 inserted in the lists by Bersani and 36 coming from the primary elections.

Finally, with the surprising exclusion of Franco Marini, there are only four democratic parliamentarians with more than 15 years' experience in

politics: Finocchiaro, Bindi, Fioroni, and Bressa. To these, one may add Beppe Lumia, a Democrat elected in Crocetta's list.

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Table 3. PD's elected parliamentarians: Political affiliation of the PD's parliamentarians before and after the 2013 elections

	Outgoing		Elected 2013	
	N	%	N	%
DS	167	59.0	228	57.3
DL	101	35.7	106	26.6
Independent	10	3.5	31	7.8
Civic-PD	2	0.7	27	6.8
PSI	1	0.4	5	1.3
Moderates	1	0.4	1	0.3
MRE	1	0.4		
Total	283	100	398	100
Abroad	7		9	