

Appendix

Table A1. Parties included in the analysis

Partito Della Sinistra / Democratici di Sinistra (PDS / DS)
 Partito Popolare Italiano / Democrazia è Libertà (PPI / DL)
 Partito Democratico (PD)
 Forza Italia (FI)
 Alleanza Nazionale (AN)
 Fratelli d'Italia (FdI)
 Lega Nord (LN)

Source: own elaboration.

Table A2. Variables and indexes

Stability – ST = Number of Reforms/Number of Years

Intensity – INT = Electoral law + Party Funding Law + Party Law + Party Constitutionalization

- Electoral Law = 0
- Party Funding Law = 1
- Party Law = 2
- Party Constitutionalization = 3

FOCAL POPULATION

- Number of Competitive Parties/Total parties
- Number of Institutionalized parties/Competitive parties

FRAGMENTATION

- Electoral Fragmentation (EFRG) (Siaroff, 2019)
- Parliamentary Fragmentation (PFRG) (Siaroff, 2019)
- Governmental Fragmentation (GFRG) – Average number of parties in government

PARTY ORGANIZATION⁷

Strategies

- Intra-Party Power Concentration Index (PCI) = (Involvement + Autonomy)/2
 - Involvement of regional representatives in national organs

Coding

0 – No rules in the statute about the body composition

1 – Only regional delegates

2 – Partially composed of regional delegates with voting rights

3 – Partially composed of regional delegates without voting rights

4 – No regional delegates, which can still be invited/consulted

5 – Only national delegates

6 – No involvement, the function is performed exclusively by leadership and/or direct membership consultations

Variables

- Leadership selection body composition
- Candidate selection body composition
- Electoral strategies drafting body composition
- Executive body composition

⁷ After coding, all values have been recalculated to have a 0-1 interval for all variables.

Party Organizational Development

- Autonomy of regional organs at the regional level

Coding

- – No autonomy, the function is performed exclusively by leadership and/or direct membership consultations
- 1 – Only national delegates/representatives
- 2 – Partially composed of national delegates/representatives with voting rights
- 3 – Partially composed of national delegates/representatives without voting rights
- 4 – No national delegates, which can still be invited/consulted
- 5 – Only regional delegates
- 6 – No rules in the statute about the body composition

Variables

- Leadership selection body composition
- Candidate selection body composition
- Electoral strategies drafting body composition
- Executive body composition

- Party Leader Maximization (PLM)

Coding

- – No
- 1 – Yes

Variables

- Presence of more than one leader
- Party leader has exclusive representation of the party
- Party leader has the power to summon the party congress
- Party leader has the power to summon the party executive organ
- Party leader has the power to decide on party organizational structure
- The party leader nominates his own cabinet
- The party leader manages the party name and symbol
- The party leader authorizes the deposit of candidates lists and symbol

- Intra-party Democracy Maximization (IPD)

Which body has the final say in selecting leadership/candidates

- Leadership selection
 1. Party congress
 2. Highest executive organ
 3. Another national body
 4. Party Leader
 5. Party Members
 6. Semi-open primaries
 7. Open primaries
- Candidates selection
 1. A sub-national body
 2. A national body
 3. A specific body for this function
 4. Party leader
 5. Closed primaries
 6. Semi-open primaries
 7. Open primaries

- Incentives (INC)

- Party statutes recognize a separate level of formal affiliation with reduced obligations and reduced rights (for instance, party “friend” or “registered sympathizer”). This does not include members with reduced dues but full rights, such as reduced fees for young people or unemployed.
 - Only members
 1. Members and sympathizers
- Presence of a register for non-members
 - No
 1. Yes

- Is it possible for an individual to join the national party directly?
 - . No
 - 1. Yes
- Are there temporal limits to membership?
 - . No
 - 1. Yes

Structures

- Formalization Index (FORM)
 - Coding*
 - – Not mentioned in party statutes
 - 1 – Only mentioned
 - 2 – Partly disciplined
 - 3 – Disciplined in detail
 - Variables*
 - Objectives/Preamble
 - Party symbol
 - Membership
 - Basic units
 - National governance
 - Sub-national governance
 - Management of finances
 - Guarantee bodies
- Structural Differentiation Index (SD)
 - Number of layers
[Number]
 - Does the statute calls for a party secretary?
 - . Yes
 - 1. No
 - Does the statute calls for a party president?
 - . Yes
 - 1. No
 - Number of executive organs at the national level
[Number]
 - Number of administrative organs at the national level
[Number]

Resources

- Human
 - Members/Voters
- Financial
 - Public Funding/Total Party Income
- Technical
 - Electoral Expenses//Total Party Income

Source: own elaboration.