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## Italy plunges headlong into health and social disaster



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Italy is hurtling towards a new health and social disaster for which the Draghi government (presented by the media as the government of the *best*) is fully responsible.

The pandemic, which has already claimed around 140,000 victims (and who knows how many thousands more people have lost their lives due to other pathologies that the health crisis has not treated), is experiencing an unprecedented resurgence of infections (more

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than 200,000 infections a day) that also affects the youngest and raises the number of people positive for covid to around 2 million people.

### **Everything is good for economic *recovery***

We are facing an exponential growth, against which the government has not wanted to adopt any radical initiative in time, limiting itself to partial, ineffective and contradictory measures. Health structures are facing a catastrophic crisis, as already happened in 2020, while the government refuses to prolong the closure of schools after the holidays (as demanded not only by unions and school officials, but also by health experts and regional governments), on the pretext that this would prevent many parents from going to work.

During all the months of strong economic recovery (with an annual growth of more than 6%), the government's goal has been to ensure that production and business in trade, catering, sport, etc., do not encounter any obstacles. Not only have the productive sectors always been active, but schools have reopened with 100% of students in face-to-face classes, overloading classrooms without respecting the rules of distancing; in fact, we have gotten rid of all the rules in transport and sporting events and, finally, since the quarantine of workers can interrupt the progress of the progress of business, they have also been spared the quarantine of the vaccinated, which allows them to continue working even after having had close contacts with people diagnosed as positive. This is the context in which the pandemic has been able to show its full force.

### **The challenge of vaccination**

The Draghi government's health policy has been limited to vaccination, which is undoubtedly fundamental, thinking that this would be enough to limit infections and guarantee *the return to normality*, that is, to *business as usual*. All the forces of the left and the class unions campaigned for mass vaccination, an indispensable tool to have some collective health security in the workplace, in meetings and demonstrations; they also fought to make vaccines available to everyone, not only in Italy but in every country in the world, demanding a moratorium on patents. Trade unions have called for comprehensive health and structural interventions and mandatory vaccination, a measure that the Constitution makes possible during extraordinary events. The value of vaccines has not

been questioned, but it was obvious that it was partially effective: their use had to be accompanied by significant investments in health facilities, schools, transport and monitoring of infections. Measures that the government did not take when it had large European funds (Next Generation plan), spent on the contrary to subsidize private companies.

Draghi y sus ministros también han instrumentalizado al movimiento No Vax, una minoría en el país, pero al que la importante publicidad hecha por los medios de comunicación ha reactivado, para construir una oposición social conveniente que les permitiera ocultar sus decisiones sanitarias, pero también las decisiones económicas y sociales contenidas en la ley de balance contra la que dos de las tres principales centrales sindicales (el CGIL y la UIL CGIL: Confederación General Italiana del Trabajo; UIL: Sindicato Italiano del Trabajo) convocaron una huelga general nacional el 16 de diciembre.

#### **«Medidas parciales, de dudosa efectividad»**

Con su último decreto, el gobierno impuso la obligación de vacunación para todas las personas mayores de 50 años; esto se convertirá en una condición en pocos días para poder ir a trabajar, pero también para poder utilizar el transporte público, restaurantes, etc. Como dijo un conocido director médico: «Estas son medidas parciales de dudosa efectividad, que en cualquier caso llegan tarde y solo pueden tener algún efecto muy a largo plazo». Mientras tanto, la propagación de la infección pone fuera del juego, debido a enfermedades o cuarentenas, a decenas de miles de trabajadores y trabajadoras en todos los sectores de servicios, principalmente en salud, pero también en escuelas, transporte, servicios postales, etc. El confinamiento, tan temido por el gobierno y la patronal, corre el riesgo de concretarse en una situación de enorme caos sanitario, gerencial y social, causando miles de víctimas más.

The Draghi government, after fulfilling the function that justifies its existence – distributing more than 100 billion to capitalist companies thanks to the National Recovery and Resilience Plan and the Budget Law – but having been unable to face the pandemic, now seems to be in crisis because the parties that compose it are divided and in conflict with each other. And on January 24, senators (315), deputies (630) and regional delegates

(58) are called to Rome to elect the new President of the Republic and these votes could be eternalized. So what's going to happen to health security policy?

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