

Italy: Silvio Berlusconi just lost all his appeals, the referendum about phasing out nuclear energy will take place as scheduled.

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After the Court of Cassation rejected last week Silvio Berlusconi's government's application to cancel the nuclear power referendum that will take place this Sunday and Monday, the Constitutional Court (the Consulta) now has rejected unanimously the last appeal lodged by the government concerning the referendum about the nuclear energy, on July 7th [\[Ruling\]](#).

In a press release, the Out of Nuclear Italian pool, which represents 80 organizations, declared: *"The Consulta took a final decision, all of the Government's attempts to sabotage the referendum have failed, now the way is paved for the citizens to express themselves. **Vote Yes to put an end to nuclear power."***

Among his projects, Silvio Berlusconi had planned, in close cooperation with France, to reintroduce a nuclear program in Italy, with the construction of 4 new plants as of 2014 in order to produce a quarter of the country's electricity with nuclear energy by 2030.

Silvio Berlusconi however, as an experienced politician, had sensed the change of weather following the current Fukushima disaster.

Indeed, in the last polls opposition to nuclear energy in Italy has gained an overwhelming majority, and that is why he tried his best to have the referendum canceled in order to avoid a defeat.

In 1987, after a referendum following the Chernobyl catastrophe, Italy gave up on developing nuclear energy and closed three nuclear power plants.

Silvio Berlusconi had promised in his party platform to reverse that decision and to revive nuclear power. Yet since Fukushima, things have radically changed, not only in Italy, but in the entire world.

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During the last couple of days, the Cavaliere has been minimizing the impact of the referendum in the national media, describing it as a moratorium following *"an emotional response of the people to the accident in Japan"* that will fade in time. **But reality is far different. If indeed the referendum is approved, it's explicit: the temporary interdiction on reintroducing nuclear energy will become permanent again.**

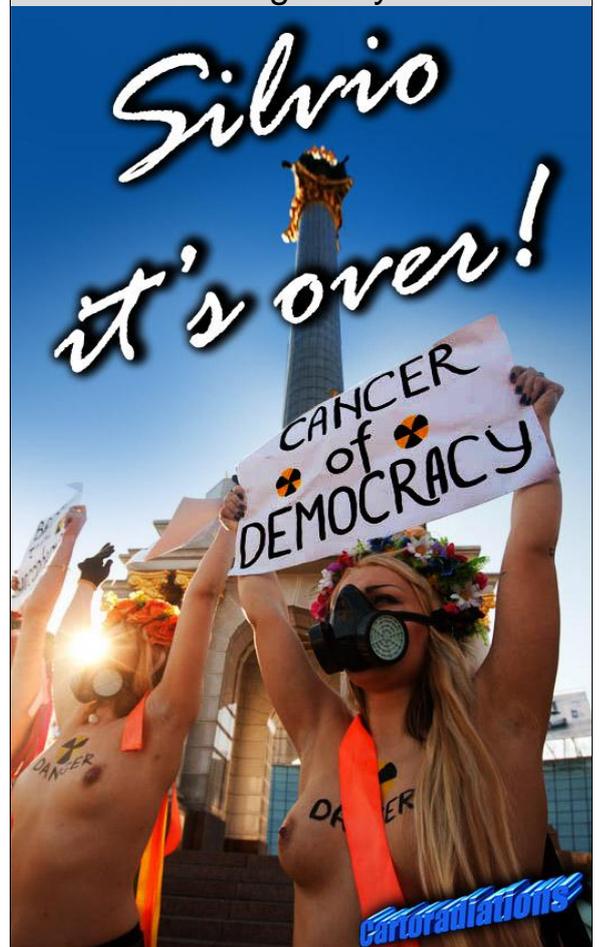
Silvio Berlusconi is playing a last card: if the referendum is to be validated, it needs a voter turnout of at least 50%.

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Monday, June 13th, at 8:00 PM, we'll know if Italy is joining the group of countries that decided to phase out nuclear power.



Silvio Berlusconi facing reality



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