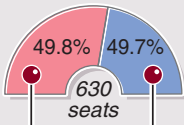


# Prodi claims victory

Romano Prodi's Centre-left coalition has emerged the winner of Italy's election, narrowly beating Silvio Berlusconi's centre-right coalition by a razor-thin margin

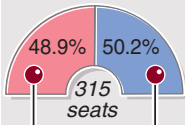


## Chamber of Deputies Lower house



Prodi **348** seats  
Berlusconi **281** seats

## Senate Upper house



Prodi **158** seats  
Berlusconi **156** seats

Two seats apportioned to minor parties

Turnout: 81.4%