

Far-right set to win Italy's election

Ultra-right leader **Giorgia Meloni** could become Italy's first female prime minister, leading a coalition of her **Brothers of Italy**, **Matteo Salvini's** **League** and **Silvio Berlusconi-led Forza Italia**



■ **Giorgia Meloni, 45:**

Former youth minister in Berlusconi's 2008-11 government. Stridently opposes Russian President **Vladimir Putin's** invasion of Ukraine.

Hardline stances against migration, abortion and gay rights. Supports amending constitution to prioritise Italian law over EU law

■ **Matteo Salvini, 49:**

Italy's former hardline deputy prime minister and interior minister has been described as hard Eurosceptic, holding critical views of EU and euro.

Opposes illegal immigration, same-sex marriage, civil unions and anti-discrimination laws. Has been staunch supporter of Putin

■ **Silvio Berlusconi, 85:**

Three-time former prime minister and media tycoon is long-time friend of Putin.

Berlusconi says Forza Italia's manifesto will include pledge of €1,000 per month for state pensions, fewer taxes, less bureaucracy, and more security for young people, elderly and environment

Politico poll of polls (*Ahead of snap election on September 25*)

