

Silvio Berlusconi: 1936-2023

■ **Sep 29, 1936:** Born in Milan

■ **1950s:** While law student at Milan University, makes name singing in nightclubs and on cruise ships

■ **1961:** Graduates, starts construction company **Edilnord**. Makes fortune in residential property development in boom years

■ **1965:** Marries **Carla Elvira Dall'Oglio**. They have two children, but divorce in 1985

■ **1973:** Founds **Telemilano**, local cable TV company, later taking over **Mediaset**, Italy's biggest broadcaster

■ **1986:** Buys **AC Milan**, saving hometown club from bankruptcy

AC Milan reach eight European Cup/Champions League finals from 1988-2007, winning four



■ **1993:** Starts populist political party, **Forza Italia**

■ **1994:** Wins general election, becoming first prime minister never to have held government office. Coalition collapses after seven months, loses subsequent election

■ **2001:** Returns to power in Italy's longest-serving government since war

■ **2006:** Loses election, ordered to stand trial for fraud at Mediaset



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■ **2008:** Wins third term with People of Freedom (PDL) party

■ **2011:** Reports of "bunga-bunga" parties at private villa, including sex with underage prostitute **Karima El Mahroug**



■ **2011:** Eurozone debt crisis, loses majority in parliament. Berlusconi resigns

■ **2012:** Convicted of tax fraud, barred from Senate

■ **2013:** Convicted of paying for sex with minor and abuse of power, overturned in 2014

■ **2018:** Court declares Berlusconi rehabilitated, wins seat in European Parliament in 2019

■ **2022:** Returns to power in coalition led by **Giorgia Melloni**

■ **2023:** Berlusconi dies aged 86 at San Raffaele hospital, Milan