



Five Star Movement

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Recently, **Italy's Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte** announced his resignation on account of the collapse of coalition between his party **Five Star Movement (M5S)** and **League party**.

League party withdrew its support by stating that its political goal was to challenge the **European Union's fiscal rules**.

Five Star Movement (M5S)

- M5S is a **populist movement** that was **started in 2009** as an internet-based group becoming one of the most voted-for parties in Italy.
- It was started by Beppe Grillo and Gianroberto Casaleggio through their social networking site, **Meetup.com**, to bring people together to campaign on local issues and then field candidates for elections.
- In 2013 it became the second-largest party and eventually coming to power in 2018.
- M5S marks the **significance of the internet and social media** that could spur a **new kind of politics**.
 - **M5S used the internet to form a political party – one without organisation, money, ideology or headquarters.**
 - Also, it adds a new dimension to **populism**.

Populism is a political approach that strives to appeal to ordinary people who feel that their concerns are disregarded by established elite groups.

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