

«Io Sono Giorgia, Sono una madre»: «Noi siamo lesbiche, anche noi siamo madri»
«I am Giorgia, I am a mother»: «We are lesbians, we are mothers too»

The response of the European lesbians to Giorgia Meloni and the Italian far right

Not-so-dear Giorgia Meloni,

The EL*C is a network of lesbian organizations in Europe and Central Asia and we are addressing this letter to you because we are worried with the news that Italian prosecutors are demanding the elimination of lesbian mothers from the birth certificates of their children.

In Padua alone, 33 children are being denied their fundamental rights. Withdrawing one of their mothers from the birth certificate will have major impacts on their everyday life. Their mom cannot pick them up at school, they might not be able to do educational activities and they will not be able to travel. Their right to healthcare will be in danger, as only one parent will be able to authorize medical procedures (from the flu shot to urgent life-saving procedures).

We are addressing you because we know that you have used motherhood as the building block of your political campaign. You have put the protection of the family at the center of your government's action. But we were never fooled, we knew you were using being a mother to justify your hateful narrative. We knew you were weaponizing your own exclusive and damaging definition of motherhood to hurt us, lesbians and other parents outside your narrow definition. This is now evident.

Is your political ideology more important than the rights of our children? Is it worth denying fundamental rights to lesbian families to gain political consent? What will you achieve by pitting the rights of our children against other children?

Lesbians are full members of Italian society, the Italian government benefits from our tax money while infringing on our parental rights. And we know this is only one step in a downward spiral against lesbians' and women's rights altogether. We have seen it happen before in Italy with the far right in power. Italian lesbians are not backing down from this fight and they have the full support of lesbians all over Europe.

The lesbians of Europe are keeping a close eye on Italy as this adversity unfolds and we stand in solidarity with the Italian lesbian community, following their lead and ensuring that you, Giorgia Meloni, and your hateful politics do not let the wrong side of history win. We are calling on all our members to show their rage and solidarity at Italian embassies and consulates this weekend all over Europe.

You are a mother. Lesbians are mothers too, we will protect our children and we will fight to the fullest extent for our rights and against the hateful narrative that your government is spreading!

#ProtectLesbianFamilies #LesbiansAreMothersToo #AncheNoiSiamoMadri

Sincerely, strongly and unhappily acquainted,

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