ITALY IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

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In summary:

- **The #iorestoacasa / #Istayathome initiative seems to help keep the level of perceived personal threat under control**, while the limitations enforced by the government heighten the sense of threat, especially for local communities.

- **The health-related risk is the biggest worry**, much higher than the perceived risk for occupation, income and savings.

- Local authorities, fighting at the forefront, are still very much the recipients of growing confidence. There is confidence for China in the fight against the infection, as the Chinese government send aid and personnel to Italy. However, the role of China in the solution of the emergency remains very much debatable.

- There is very low confidence in other countries’ governments in facing the emergency – USA and other European countries alike.

- For the majority of Italians, the peak of the crisis hasn’t been reached yet, the worse is yet to come and the uncertainty about the future generates anxiety, irritability and depression. Looking ahead, people wish for the most normal, everyday things such as going out, seeing family and friends, and going for a walk.
The #ioRESTOACASA initiative helps keep the level of perceived personal threat contained. Growing anxiety for the community.

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% those who believe Covid is a threat

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Highest worry for health conditions; jobs and income are still in the background

77
More worried about getting the infection – either themselves or family/relatives

16
More worried for the loss of jobs, income, savings

7
(dk)

% VALUES
Local institutions still under the spotlight, and confidence in their action growing

- Hospitals: 68%
- Regional Gov: 66%
- Mayors: 56%

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% effective in controlling the spread
The aid from the Chinese Government boosts confidence in the effectiveness of their action, at par with Italy's. Very low support for other governments, USA and European Countries alike.
However, compared to Italy’s role, China’s role is still debated: equally part of the problem and of the solution

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The peak of the crisis hasn’t been reached yet, says majority of Italians

55  The worst has yet to come
36  We are now at the peak of the emergency
16  The worst is over
7   (dk)
Emotional states: anxiety, irritability, depression are the prevailing conditions as of today

69  Anxiety, worry
46  Irritability
40  Depression, sadness
Looking ahead:
People wish to go back to normality

- **39%** go out – lunch, dinner, a drink
- **36%** see my loved ones
- **33%** see my friends
- **26%** go for a walk in the park
- **26%** have a stroll downtown
- **25%** go to the seaside, the lake, the river
- **15%** go to the hairdresser/barber, beautician
- **13%** go shopping
- **13%** make a trip in the car/motorbike
- **13%** go back to work/to school

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