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Understanding Italian Politics: Key Trends and Future Prospects



Understanding Italian Politics is less complex than many believe. If we understand some of the key trends that have shaped the political life of Italy since World War II, we can acquire the necessary tools to assess the future prospects of the country and its political system.

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