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**Titolo: Expectations of Future Economic Security and National System Support**

**Abstract:** An extensive literature emphasizes how individuals' retrospective economic assessments affect national system support. In this paper, we argue that a missing determinant of system support is individuals' assessments of future economic conditions. We collected an original, nationally representative dataset on young skilled jobless Italian using an innovative survey instrument to capture individuals' future expectations about job security, stability and future earnings, and assess their impact on satisfaction with national democracy. Merged with administrative province-level data on local labor market conditions to control for current economic context, these data show that those expecting greater job insecurity and instability have lower satisfaction with democracy. By properly conceptualizing and operationalizing individuals' future economic expectations, we develop a framework to meaningfully test for the role of individuals' prospective economic assessments as a key determinant of support for democratic performance.