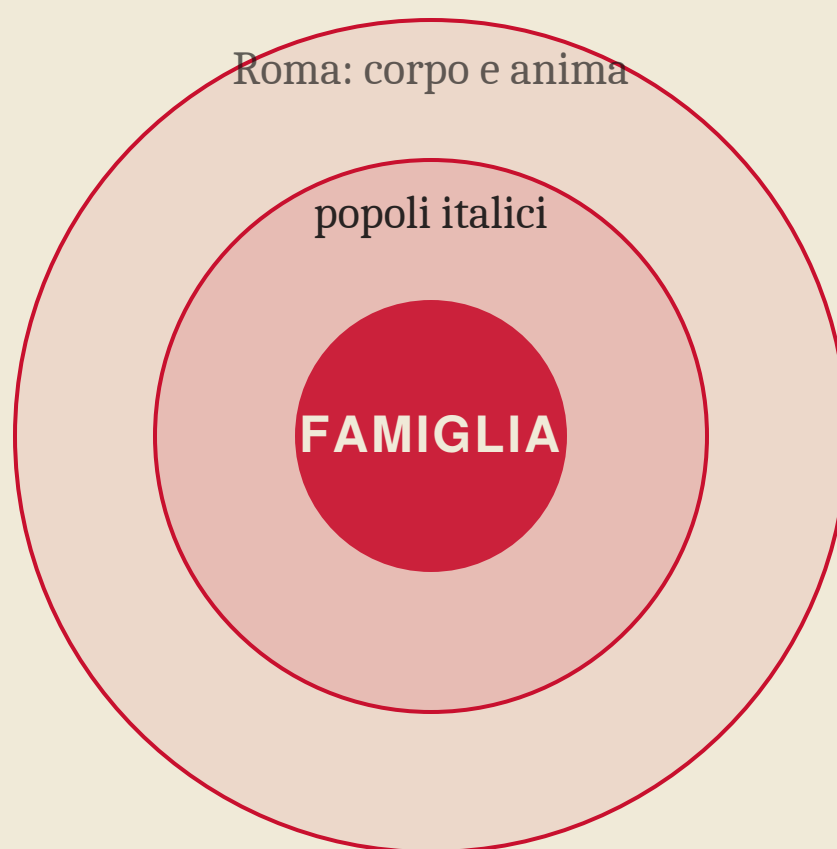


Who counts as Italian, and for how long?

The programme of Italy's newest radical right party does not only say who should be kept out. It sets out what the nation is made of, how one may enter it, and how one may be removed from it.

A reading in six figures

A body and a soul



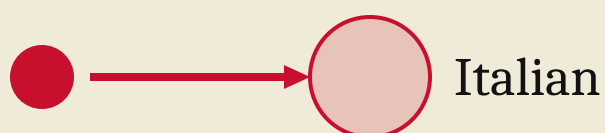
*«comunità di diritto e di sangue perché fondati sulla famiglia,
che è la fonte della nazione»*

A community of law and of blood, because founded on the family,
which is the source of the nation.

ITALIAN IN ITALICS: VERBATIM FROM THE PROGRAMME

One route is instant. The other takes twenty years.

BY BIRTH



ius sanguinis · descent · nothing to prove

BY ASSIMILATION

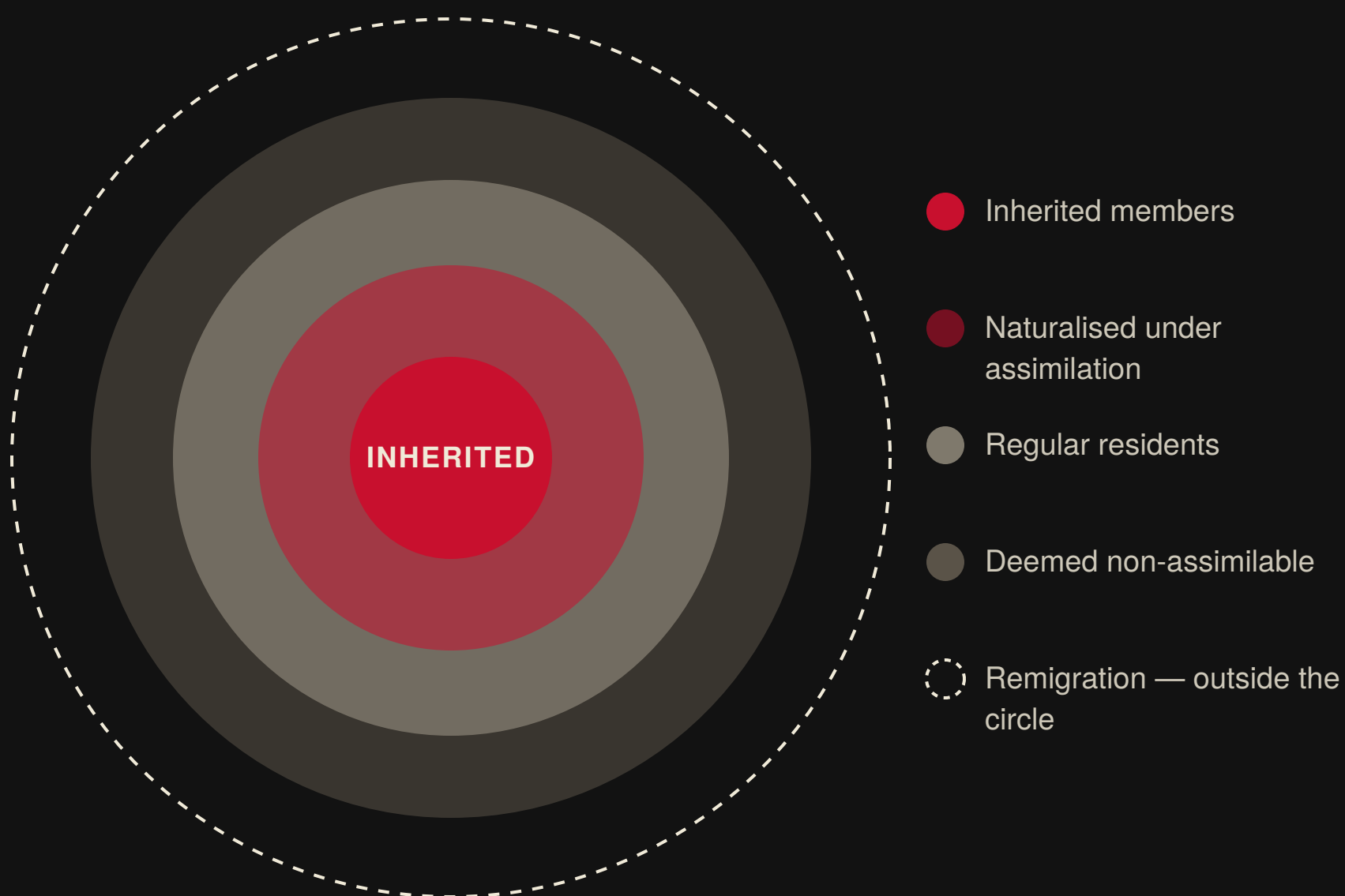
20 years



- Italian at C1, written and oral exams
- no criminal record
- signed declaration of assimilation to Greek,
- Roman and Christian civilisation

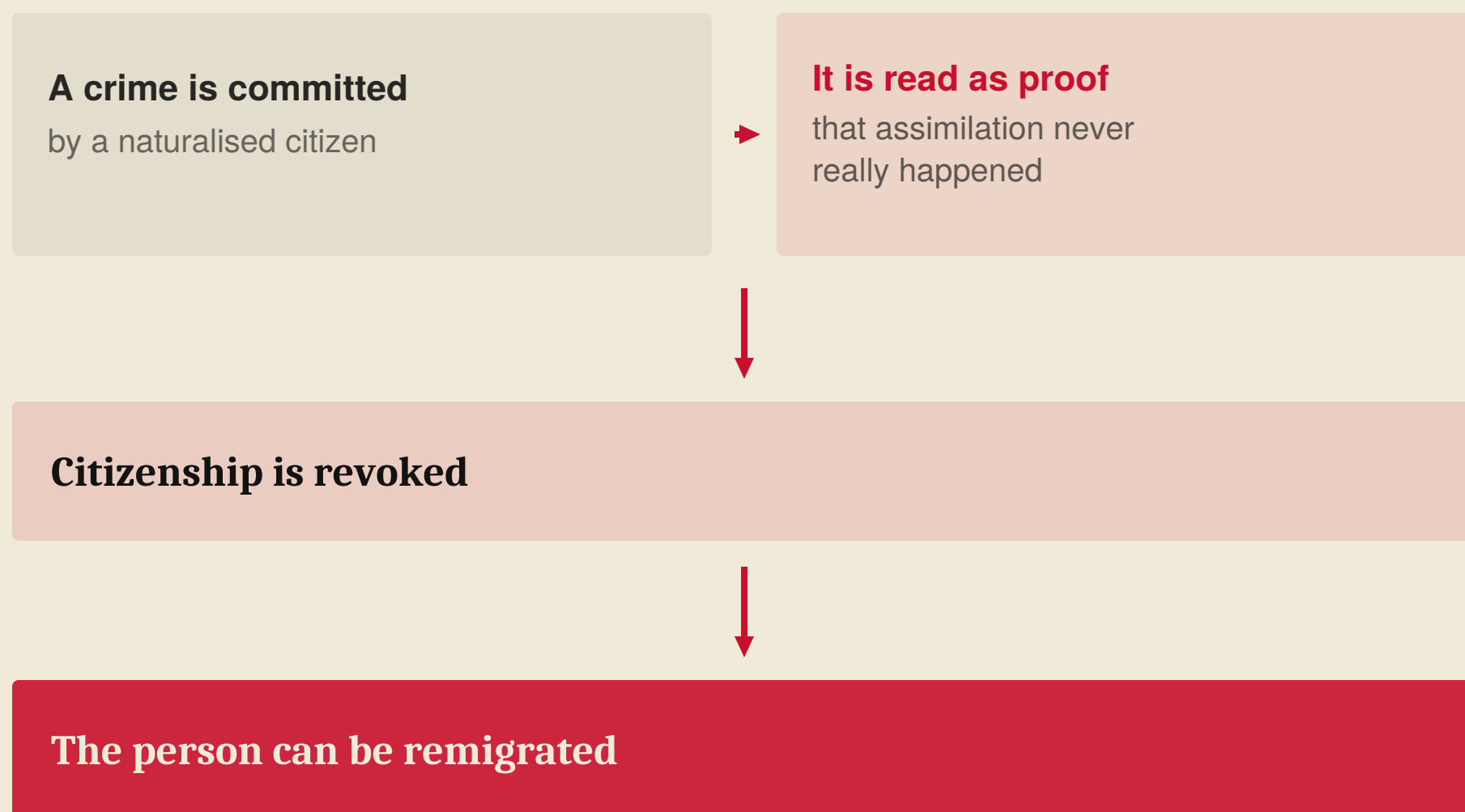
«Per fare un italiano non ci vuole un corso di educazione civica: ci vogliono secoli.»

Membership is not flat



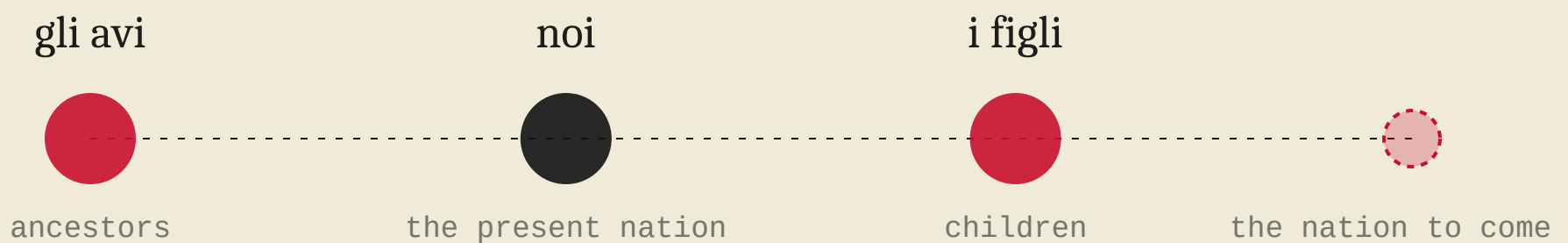
A reconstruction of the programme's membership logic,
not a legal taxonomy.

Assimilation can be disproved after the fact



«ogni crimine violento contro la persona e la società [è] una causa di revisione ex post attestante che il soggetto non è stato realmente assimilato»

The nation as a chain of generations



«un Paese migliore e all'altezza di come ci è stato consegnato dai nostri avi, la cui volontà rimane per noi monito, consegna e criterio di decisione»

The will of our ancestors remains a charge, a bequest and a criterion of decision.

Nativity is not framed as family policy but as the demographic continuity of the nation itself.

Not a politics of immigration. A politics of membership.

What the nation is

descent, territory, Roman and Christian civilisation

How one enters it

by birth, or by twenty years and a declaration

How it is graded

inherited and acquired are not equivalent

How one leaves it

revocation, and remigration

Reading of the programme published by the party.
Italian quotations verbatim; translations mine.