

Protests In Paris After Macron Wins France Election

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Emmanuel Macron

Protests in Paris and Lyon as France's Macron re-elected - video

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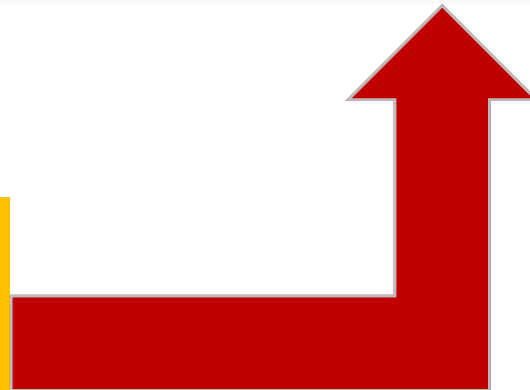
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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Riot police charged and sprayed teargas on demonstrators in central Paris protesting after President Emmanuel **Macron** was **re-elected on Sunday**, footage from social media showed.

Police sought to break up a crowd of mostly young people who had gathered in the central neighborhood of Chatelet to protest.

MACRON WINS 2ND TERM

French President Emmanuel **Macron won re-election** on Sunday, **convincingly defeating his rival Marine Le Pen** and prompting a **wave of relief in Europe** that the **far-right** had been **kept out of power**.

Macron is the first French president to win a second term for two decades, **but Le Pen's result also marks the closest the far-right has ever come to taking power in France** and **has revealed a deeply divided nation**.

Current vote count

107 of 107 election districts reporting

59%

Emmanuel Macron

18,779,641 votes

Departments



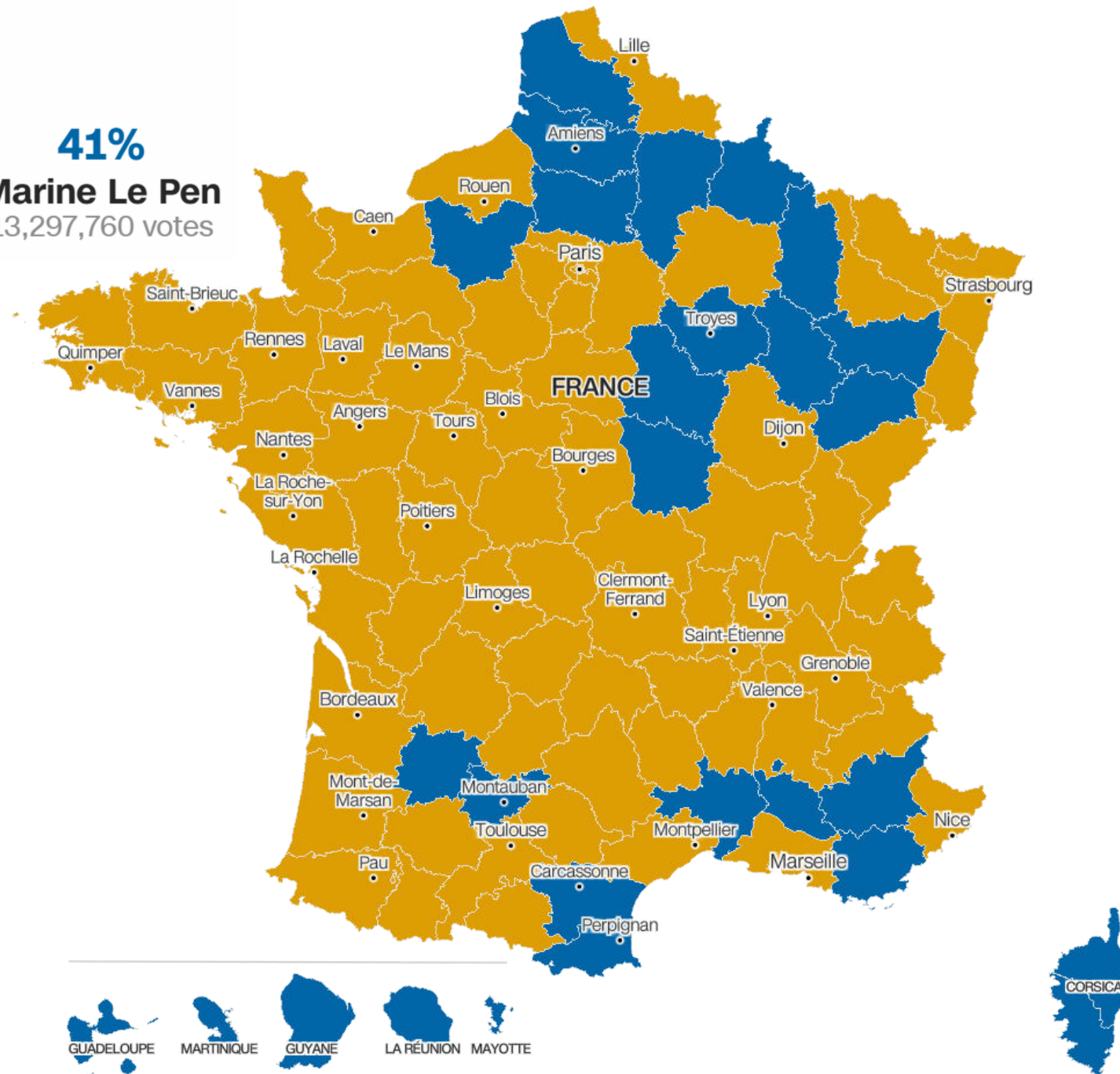
won



41%

Marine Le Pen

13,297,760 votes





Emmanuel Macron
Republic on the Move

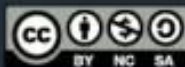
58.5%



Marine Le Pen
National Rally

41.4%

TURNOUT



Source: AFP, Interior Ministry | Date: April 25, 2022

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It is the first time that a governing leader of the Fifth Republic, which has been the political system since 1958, has been re-elected.

The 44-year-old president faces a litany of challenges in his second term,

Starting with parliamentary elections in June, where keeping a majority will be critical to ensuring he can realise his ambitions to reform France.

The presidential election results are being viewed as a relief for the allies at a time when Europe is witnessing one of its worst wars in decades.

Simply put, it signifies that the country won't shift its course while the European Union and the NATO have been imposing measures to punish Russia for the Ukraine aggression.



President Biden 

@POTUS

 United States government official

Congratulations to [@EmmanuelMacron](#) on his re-election. France is our oldest ally and a key partner in addressing global challenges. I look forward to our continued close cooperation — including on supporting Ukraine, defending democracy, and countering climate change.

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ISSUES IN FRENCH ELECTION

French voters have **traditionally cared more about the cost of living than any other issue.**

Amid a **crippling power shortage**, the **cost of energy rose** dramatically in 2021, **food and commodity prices** are currently at their **highest levels in decades**, and the **decline in purchasing power** is the **most pressing concern for a large number of voters.**

Long before the coronavirus and Ukraine crises, Macron had felt the heat from protests over **economic inequality** as **‘yellow vest’ demonstrators** took to the streets across the country in 2018.

Immigration, for long a potent political issue, became a flashpoint in French politics following the European migrant crisis of 2015.

The waves of men, women, and children arriving primarily from Africa and the Middle East are often alleged to have altered the ethno-cultural dimensions of French society,

With many citizens decrying the loss of jobs and social stability that is attributed to their arrival.

Migrant arrivals are also blamed for a spike in incidents of terrorism, and concerns over national security have been a key election issue.

While Macron has pledged to curb illegal immigration, Le Pen has proposed a referendum to **impose major limits on immigration.**

She has also said Muslim headscarves would be banned in public, and has promised to **raise the bar high for foreigners to benefit from France's generous social services.**

In recent years, Le Pen has worked to distance herself from her father, **expelling him from the party in 2015**, and rebranding it in her image.

NEW ERA

In a **victory speech** on the Champ de Mars in central Paris at the foot of the Eiffel Tower, Macron vowed to respond **to the anger of voters who backed his far-right rival.**

He also pledged a "renewed method" to govern France, adding that this "new era" would not be one **of "continuity with the last term which is now ending".**

CONCLUSION

Macron will be hoping for a less complicated second term that will allow him to implement his vision of **more pro-business reform and tighter EU integration,**

After a first term shadowed by protests, then the pandemic and finally Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

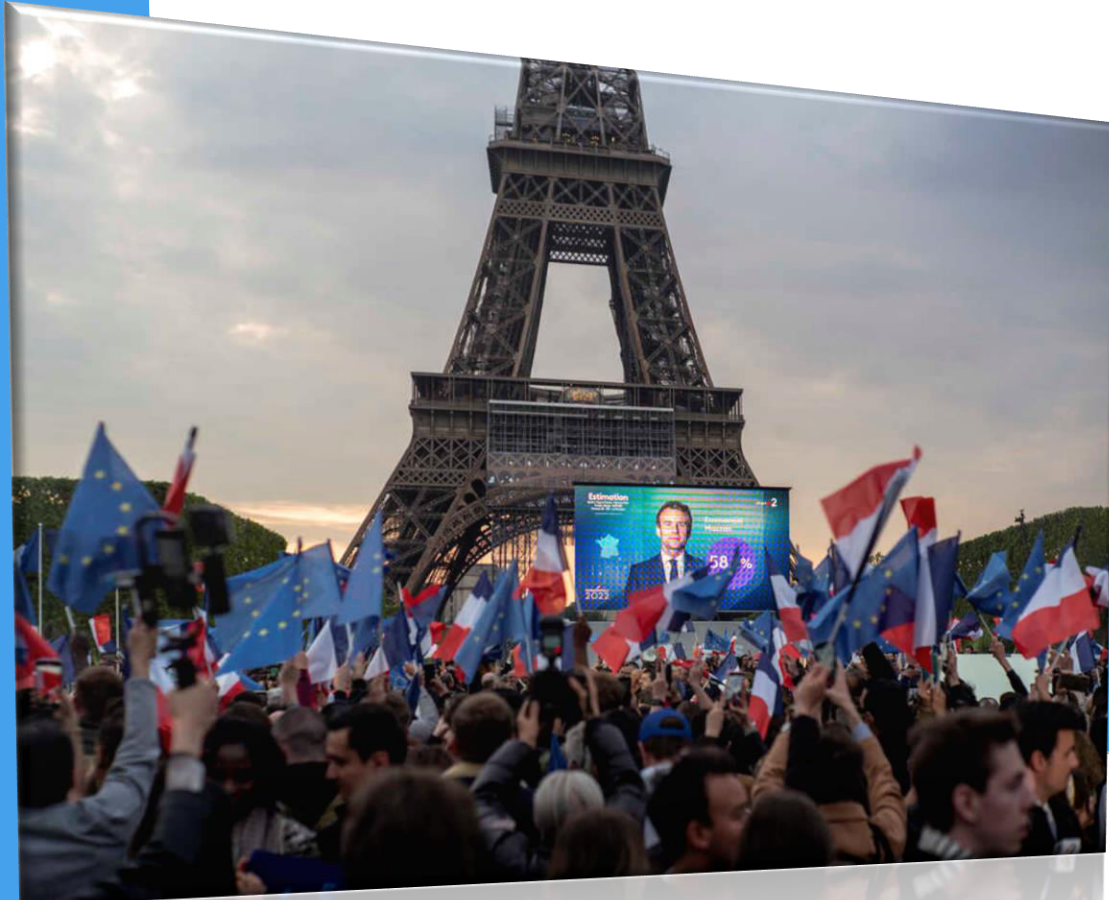
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A) Lok Sabha

B) Rajya Sabha

C) Either House of the Parliament

D) After Speaker's approval



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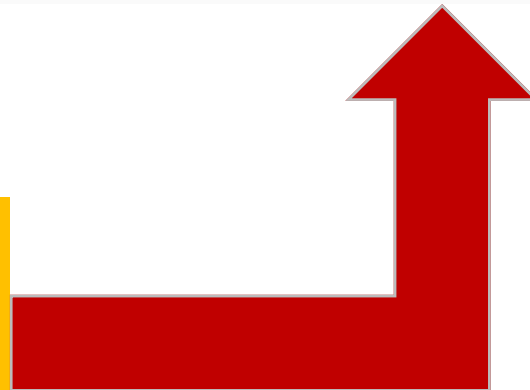
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