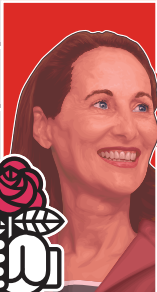


# France decides

Centre-right Nicolas Sarkozy has won the hotly-contested French presidential election, immediately signalling his victory will mean friendly relations with the U.S.

47%



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53%



Nicolas Sarkozy

Source: Interior Ministry

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