

# Key players in France's presidential election

The first round of the French presidential election takes place on April 22, with the run-off on May 6



**François Hollande**

*Age 57. Socialist Party leader vows to balance budget, reform banking sector, create 60,000 teaching and 150,000 state-funded jobs*



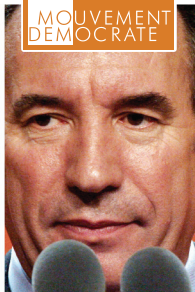
**President Nicolas Sarkozy**

*Age 56. Pledges reforms to boost flagging industrial competitiveness, cut payroll costs, and introduce tax on financial transactions*



**Marine Le Pen**

*Age 43. National Front leader wants France to quit eurozone, legally separate investment and commercial banks, deport illegal immigrants*



**François Bayrou**

*Age 60. Centrist Democratic Movement leader proposes stronger European Union led by France. Would reverse loss of jobs from outsourcing*

**Latest poll results**

**30%**

**25%**

**17.5%**

**12.5%**

Source: Ifop poll of 1,723 adults conducted Feb 9-12

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