

A close-up portrait of Jacinda Ardern, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, smiling and looking slightly upwards and to the left. She has dark hair and is wearing large, ornate gold earrings.

Today in History

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▲ **New Zealand's Labour Party won a landslide re-election victory, buoyed by Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern's success in containing the coronavirus pandemic**

1956: The world's first commercial nuclear power station opened at Calder Hall in England

1961: Over 40 people died as riot police in Paris confronted Algerians demonstrating against colonial rule

2009: The Maldives government held an underwater cabinet meeting to highlight the threat of global warming

2011: The Occupy Wall Street movement spread from New York to other U.S. and international cities