

■ **Sep 13, 1995:** **Jordan Bardella** born in Parisian suburb of Seine-Saint-Denis – one of France's poorest areas

■ **1996 onwards:** His mother, an Italian immigrant, leaves his father to bring him up. Attends private secondary school

■ **2009:** Studies geography at Paris-Sorbonne University but drops out to focus on politics



■ **2011:** **Marine Le Pen** (above) takes over leadership of far-right **Front National (FN)** from her father, **Jean-Marie Le Pen**

■ **2012:** At age of 16, Jordan Bardella joins FN

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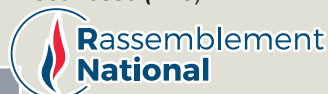
Twenty-eight-year-old Jordan Bardella could be prime minister of France in a matter of weeks after Emmanuel Macron shocked the nation by calling a snap election



■ **2015:** Bardella and fellow candidate, **Christine Prus**, run in departmental elections but lose in second round with 41% of vote. Political observers begin to consider Bardella as leading figure within FN

■ **2017:** Bardella becomes member of Le Pen's presidential campaign team. She finds support among working class, upset with 9.41% jobless rate. Le Pen finishes second to **Emmanuel Macron**

■ **2018:** Le Pen appoints Bardella as president of **Front National de la Jeunesse (FNJ)**.



FN renamed **National Rally (RN)**

■ **2019:** Bardella stands in European Parliament elections. RN wins 23 seats, Bardella becomes MEP at age 23

■ **2022:** Bardella becomes acting president of RN after Le Pen resigns to launch her presidential election campaign

■ **Nov:** Bardella elected President of National Rally with 85% of vote



■ **Jun 10, 2024:** President Macron (above) calls snap elections in response to stinging European vote defeat by RN.

Bardella declared RN's candidate for prime minister