

French election issues

France is racing toward snap National Assembly elections where the far-right National Rally and the united left New Popular Front are polling ahead of President Macron's Renaissance



■ **Emmanuel Macron:**
If far-right wins majority in National Assembly, President Macron will have to enter into "**cohabitation**"



■ **Jordan Bardella:**
Macron's far-right rival and potential future prime minister has backtracked on pledge to quit NATO



■ **Marine Le Pen:**
National Rally figurehead sees her chance for power in presidential poll in 2027, when Macron's term ends

■ **Jun 12: Éric Ciotti**, leader of centre-right **Les Républicains**, sacked after agreeing alliance with far-right National Rally

les **IR**
Républicains

■ **Jun 13: New Popular Front** formed by four left-wing forces – **Greens**, **Socialists**, **Communists** and hard-left firebrand **Jean-Luc Mélenchon** (right) and his **France Unbowed** – to go head-to-head with National Rally

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**La France
insoumise**

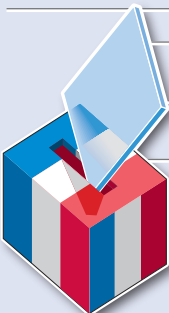
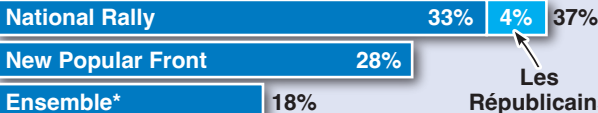


■ **Jun 30:** France goes to polls, with run-offs on Jul 7

■ **First round:** Eliminates all candidates who fail to make **12.5%** of vote in each of 577 constituencies

■ **Second round:** Run-offs fought between two, three or sometimes four candidates

■ **Jun 17: IFOP poll on first round released**



*Ensemble: Centrist coalition of Macron's Renaissance party, MoDem, Horizons and UD

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