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Ooh là là! In a shocking reversal, Macron loses his parliamentary majority – and some ministers

Le Pen jubilant as she increases seats 11-FOLD and denies Macron majority

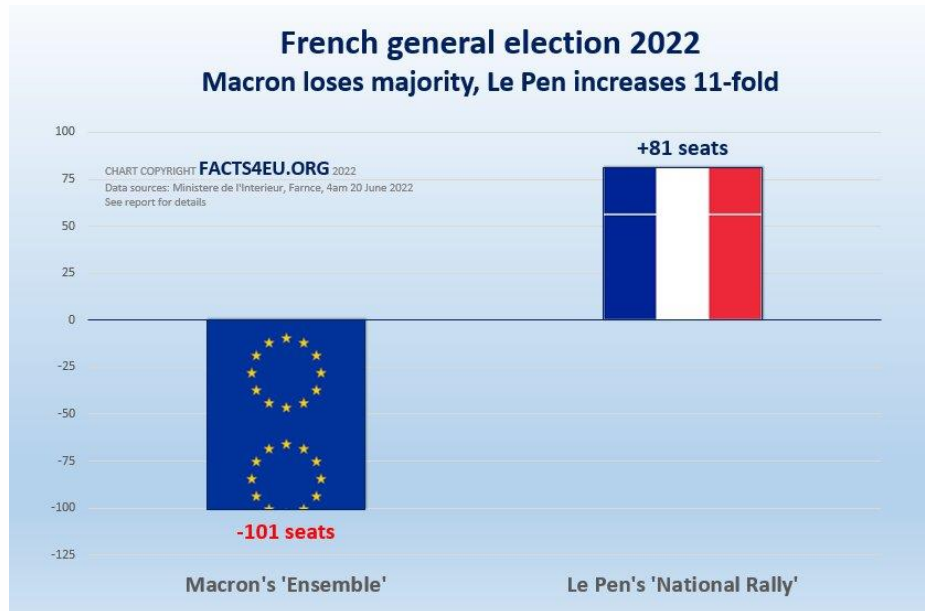


In one of the most extraordinary political turnarounds in living memory, the recently re-elected French President endured a mauling at the hands of the voters who delivered an emphatic 'non' to his Ensemble Coalition in the final round of the country's recent parliamentary elections.

Needing an overall majority of 289 to govern, 'Ensemble' fell short by 43 seats. In sharp contrast, Marine Le Pen's party increased their number of seats from 8 to 89, an ELEVEN-fold increase.

Election Headlines

- Ensemble ! (Macron and friends) : 245
- Nouvelle union populaire écologique et sociale (Far left Mélenchon and friends) : 131
- Rassemblement National (Le Pen) : 89
- Les Républicains (conservatives) : 61
- Other left : 22
- Régionaliste : 10
- Other right : 10
- Various centre : 4
- Union des Démocrates et des Indépendants : 3
- Other : 1
- Right sovereignty : 1



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Le Pen's Party now the second biggest single party in the Assembly

The National Rally party's vote share was 17.3%, second only to Macron's 'Republique En Marche!'

"The people have spoken and sent a strong group from the National Rally to the National Assembly."

– Marine Le Pen, 20 June 2022

Ministerial Losses – but not for anti-Brit Europe Minister

Political casualties included France's Health Minister Brigitte Bourguignon and Environment Minister Amélie de Montchalin. However, as has also been noted:

"Europe Minister and anti-Brit Clément Beaune and Public Service Minister Stanislas Guerini — both 'Macron attack puppies' — managed to keep their seats by the skin of their teeth."

OBSERVATIONS

From a UK perspective the picture remains mixed. Although Macron has retained his Brit-hating Europe Minister Clément Beaune, the parliamentary humiliation he has just undergone may well have curbed his more grandiose ambitions for Europe. Whatever the travails of our own Prime Minister he still commands a healthy Parliamentary majority in marked contrast with his opposite number in Paris.

For editors and journalists

[The full report is now available here.](#)

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