



Comparative Study of Electoral Systems Module 6: Macro Report

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A) DATA PERTINENT TO ELECTION AT WHICH MODULE WAS ADMINISTERED

1a. Type of Election:

- Parliamentary/Legislative
- Parliamentary/Legislative and Presidential
- Presidential
- Other; please specify: _____

1b. If the type of election in Question 1a included Parliamentary/Legislative, was the election for the Upper House, Lower House, or both?

- Upper House election
- Lower House election
- Both Upper and Lower House election
- Other; please specify: _____

2a. What was the president's party *prior* to the most recent election, regardless of whether the election was presidential?

La République en Marche (The Republic on the move, LREM), re-labelled *Renaissance* (Revival) in 2022.

2b. What was the party of the Prime Minister *prior* to the most recent election, regardless of whether the election was parliamentary?

La République en Marche (The Republic on the move, LREM), re-labelled *Renaissance* (Revival) in 2022.

2c. Report the number of cabinet ministers of each party or parties in cabinet, *prior* to the most recent election. (If one party holds all cabinet posts, write "all.") Please also provide a website link to this data if possible.

Party Name	Number of cabinet positions
The Republic on the Move / Revival	16
Territories of Progress	11
Democratic Movement	5
In Common	1
Radical Movement	1
Unaffiliated	6
Total	41

Source: Bendjaballah and Sauger (2023), doi: 10.1111/2047-8852.12403

2d. What was the size of the cabinet *prior* to the election (i.e.: total number of cabinet ministers detailed in 2c)? Please include only full ministers and the prime minister in the count.

2e. Was the President *prior* to the most recent election, regardless of whether the election was presidential, male or female?

Male Female Other Unsure

2f. Was the Prime Minister *prior* to the most recent election male or female?

Male Female Other Unsure

2g. How many female members were in the cabinet *prior* to the election?

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3a. What was the president's party *after* the most recent election, regardless of whether the election was presidential?

La République en Marche (The Republic on the move, LREM), re-labelled *Renaissance* (Revival) in 2022.

3b. What was the party of the Prime Minister *after* the most recent election, regardless of whether the election was parliamentary?

La République en Marche (The Republic on the move, LREM), re-labelled *Renaissance* (Revival) in 2022.

3c. Report the number of cabinet ministers of each party or parties in cabinet, *after* the most recent election. (If one party holds all cabinet posts, write "all"). Please provide a website link to this data if possible.

Party Name	Number of cabinet positions
Revival	17
Horizons	1
Democratic Movement	1
The Republicans	1
Other left wing party	1
Unaffiliated	7
Total	28

Source: Bendjaballah and Sauger (2023), doi: 10.1111/2047-8852.12403

3d. What was the size of the cabinet *after* the election (total number of cabinet ministers detailed in 3c)? Please include only full ministers and the prime minister in the count.

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3e. Was the President *after* the most recent election, regardless of whether the election was presidential, male or female?

Male Female Other Unsure

3f. Was the Prime Minister *after* the most recent election male or female?

Male [] Female [X] Other [] Unsure []

3g. How many female members were in the cabinet *after* the election?

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3h. Were the Finance Minister, Foreign Affairs (External Affairs) Minister, and Health Minister *prior* to **(Column A)** and *after* **(Column B)** the election male or female?

Minister	(A)		(B)	
	Officeholder <i>prior to the election</i>		Officeholder <i>after the election</i>	
Finance Minister	Male [X]	Female []	Male [X]	Female []
	Other []	Unsure []	Other []	Unsure []
Foreign Affairs Minister	Male [X]	Female []	Male []	Female [X]
	Other []	Unsure []	Other []	Unsure []
Health Minister	Male [X]	Female []	Male []	Female [X]
	Other []	Unsure []	Other []	Unsure []

3i. What was the party of the Finance Minister, Foreign Affairs (External Affairs) Minister, and Health Minister both *prior* to and *after* the election?

Minister	(A) Party holding the office <i>prior</i> to the election	(B) Party holding the office <i>after</i> the election
Finance Minister	The Republic on the Move	The Republic on the Move
Foreign Affairs Minister	Unaffiliated	Unaffiliated
Health Minister	The Republic on the Move	The Republic on the Move

4a. Please provide **a source** of data detailing the official election results at the **national level** (votes and seats) for **all** parties participating in the election. Please provide a website link to this data if possible. If the data is not available electronically, please provide the information in paper format.

<https://www.archives-resultats-elections.interieur.gouv.fr/>
<https://www.archives-resultats-elections.interieur.gouv.fr/resultats/presidentielle-2022/index.php>
<https://www.archives-resultats-elections.interieur.gouv.fr/resultats/legislatives-2022/index.php>

Data files available on :

<https://www.data.gouv.fr/fr/reuses/election-presidentielle-2022/>
<https://www.data.gouv.fr/fr/reuses/elections-legislatives-2022/>

4b. Please provide **a source** of data detailing the official election results at the **electoral district level** (votes and seats) for **all** parties participating in the election. Please provide a website link to this data if possible. If the data is not available electronically, please provide the information in paper format.

Same as in 4a.

4c. Can voters cast a ballot before Election Day(s)? (i.e.: Is early voting possible)?

Yes, for the whole electorate

Yes, but only for some of the electorate – please specify below:

No

4d. Can voters cast a ballot by mail?

Yes, for the whole electorate

Yes, but only for some of the electorate – please specify below:

 No

4e. Can voters cast a ballot by the Internet?

Yes, for the whole electorate

Yes, but only for some of the electorate – please specify below:

 No

B) COLLABORATOR EXPERT CLASSIFICATIONS: PARTY POSITIONS

5a. Ideological family of political parties: Please indicate the ideological party family for each party by using the numbered categories below. For this question, please use the same parties used in the CSES Module 6 respondent questionnaire.

Party Name	Ideological Family
A. Lutte Ouvrière	Communist Parties
B. Nouveau Parti Anticapitaliste	Communist Parties
C. Parti communiste français	Communist Parties
D. La France insoumise	Communist Parties
E. Le Parti socialiste	Socialist Parties
F. Europe Ecologie Les Verts	Ecology Parties
G. La République en Marche	Liberal Parties
H. Mouvement démocrate	Christian Democratic Parties
I. Les Républicains	Conservative Parties
J. Debout la France	National Parties
K. Rassemblement national	National Parties
L. Reconquête	National Parties

Ideological Party Families: (These are suggestions only. If a party does not fit well into this classification scheme, please provide an alternative and some explanation.)

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| (1) Ecology Parties | (6) Liberal Parties | (11) Agrarian Parties |
| (2) Communist Parties | (7) Right Liberal Parties | (12) Ethnic Parties |
| (3) Socialist Parties | (8) Christian Democratic Parties | (13) Regional Parties |
| (4) Social Democratic Parties | (9) Conservative Parties | (14) Independents |
| (5) Left Liberal Parties | (10) National Parties | (15) Others |

5b: How many country experts/national collaborators have assisted in the classification of parties on the above scale? 1

6a. Ideological Positions of Parties: Please indicate party positions on a left-right dimension (in the expert judgment of the CSES Collaborator(s)). Please use the same parties that were used in the CSES Module 6 respondent questionnaire.

Party Name	Left										Right	
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
M. Lutte Ouvrière	X											
N. Nouveau Parti Anticapitaliste		X										
O. Parti communiste français			X									
P. La France insoumise			X									
Q. Le Parti socialiste					X							
R. Europe Ecologie Les Verts				X								
S. La République en Marche							X					
T. Mouvement démocrate							X					
U. Les Républicains								X				
V. Debout la France										X		
W. Rassemblement national										X		
X. Reconquête												X

6a2: How many country experts/national collaborators have assisted in the classification of parties on the above scale? ____1____

6a3: We encourage collaborators to provide any further specific or relevant information (if applicable) regarding the above classifications which might help users of the data understand them to a greater extent. This information will be included in the CSES codebook. Please fill in below.

____See the various the yearly Political data yearbook publications for further information. ____

6b. If you have asked respondents to rank political parties on an alternative dimension, other than the left-right dimension, please also provide your own rankings of the parties on this dimension. Please use the same parties that were used in the CSES Module 6 respondent questionnaire.

None

6b2: How many country experts/national collaborators have assisted in the classification of parties on the above scale? _____0_____

6b3: We encourage collaborators to provide any further specific or relevant information (if applicable) regarding the above classifications which might help users of the data understand them to a greater extent. This information will be included in the CSES codebook. Please fill in below.

C) SALIENT ISSUES IN THE ELECTION

7. In your view, what are the five most salient factors that affected the outcome of the election (e.g., major scandals, economic events, the presence of an independent actor, specific issues)?
Note: Please rank the issues according to their salience (1 = most salient).

1. Covid-19 crisis management
2. Attitude towards Russia's invasion of Ukraine
3. Inflation
4. Immigration
5. Democracy (threats to democracy)

D) FAIRNESS OF THE ELECTION & ELECTION SCHEDULING

8a. How impartial was the body that administered the election law?

- Very impartial
- Mostly impartial
- Not very impartial
- Not impartial at all

8b. Was there a formal complaint against the national level results?

- Yes
- No

8c. Were there irregularities reported by international election observers?

- Yes
- No
- No international election observers

8d. On what date was the election originally legally scheduled to be held?

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8e. On what date was the election actually held? If different from 8d, please explain why.

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E) ELECTION VIOLENCE

9a. To what extent was there violence and voter or candidate intimidation **during** the election campaign and on the election day?

- No violence at all
- Sporadic violence on the part of the government
- Sporadic violence on the part of opposition groups
- Sporadic violence on all sides
- Significant violence on the part of the government
- Significant violence on the part of opposition groups
- Significant violence of all sides

9b. If there was violence, was it geographically concentrated or national?

- Geographically concentrated
- National

9c. To what extent was there violence following the election?

- No violence at all
- Sporadic violence on the part of the government
- Sporadic violence on the part of opposition groups
- Sporadic violence on all sides
- Significant violence on the part of the government
- Significant violence on the part of opposition groups
- Significant violence of all sides

9d. To what extent was there protest following the election?

- No protest at all
- Sporadic protest
- Significant protest

F) ELECTORAL ALLIANCES & CANDIDATES

10a. There are multiple types of electoral alliances/coalitions, but we are specifically interested in those involving joint lists or candidates - i.e. those where parties compete as a unit during the election. Is this type of electoral coalition legally allowable?

- Yes
 No

Note that all elections are uninominal elections. As such, electoral coalitions exist as a territorial coordination across parties for legislative elections.

10b. Is this type of electoral coalition used in practice, even if not legally allowable?

- Yes
 No

10c. If “Yes” was answered to either of the above questions, then please complete the following table for the election at which the Module was administered. Please mention only alliances that received at least 1% of the vote nationally. Add additional lines to the table as necessary.

Alliance Name	Participating Parties (please indicate dominant members with an “*”)
Alliance 1: Ensemble ! (Together!)	The Republic on the Move*; Democrat Movement; Horizons; Radical movement; Union of the independent democrats.
Alliance 2: Nupes	France unbowed*; Europe Ecology The Greens; Socialist Party; Communist Party

11. If joint lists are possible, are they subject to different regulations than single-party lists? For example, higher thresholds, different numbers of candidates that may appear on the list, etc. (please mark all applicable responses)

- Yes, joint party lists must satisfy higher thresholds
- Yes, joint party lists may present different numbers of candidates
- Yes, joint party lists are subject to other regulations that are different from the regulations governing independent parties; please specify: _____
- No, joint parties are governed by the same rules as the other parties
- Not applicable; no joint party lists are allowed

12a. Is there apparentement or linking of lists?

- Yes
- No

12b. If apparentement is possible, what lists can participate in such agreements:

- lists of the same party in the same constituency
- lists of the same party from different constituencies
- lists of different parties in the same constituency
- No apparentement

13a. Can candidates run with the endorsement of more than one party?

- Yes
- No

13b. If candidates can run with the endorsement of more than one party, is this reflected on the ballot?

- No
- No party endorsements are indicated on the ballot paper
- Yes, candidate's name appears once, together with the names of all supporting parties
- Yes, candidate's name appears as many times as there are different parties endorsing him/her, each time with the name of the endorsing party
- Yes, other; please explain: _____

G) ELECTORAL INSTITUTIONS

14a. Have there been any change to the electoral rules (e.g., changes to the electoral system; number of seats contested; number of districts; candidate nomination rules etc...) in the polity in the preceding 5-years?

Yes

No

Electoral Tiers (Segments)

15a. For lower house elections, how many electoral tiers operate?

One tier

Two tiers

Three tiers

Other; please explain: _____

Voting procedures

For polities who have only one tier or tier 1 of multi-tier polities

16a. How many votes do voters cast or can cast?

1 by round of election.

16b. Do voters vote for candidates (not party lists) or party lists, or some other variant?

Candidates

Party Lists

Party Bloc Voting

Candidates and Party Lists

Other; please explain: _____

16c. How many rounds of voting are there?

2 rounds for both presidential and legislative elections.

16d. If there are lists, are they closed, open, flexible, or is there party bloc voting?

Closed (order of candidates elected is determined by the party and voters are unable to express preference for a particular candidate)

Open (voters can indicate their preferred party and their favored candidate within that party)

Flexible (voters can allocate votes to candidates either within a single party list or across different party lists as they see fit)

17. Are the votes transferable?

- Yes
- No

18. If more than one vote can be cast, can they be cumulated?

- Yes
- No
- N/A – only one vote cast

19. Is voting compulsory?

- Yes; Strictly Enforced Sanctions
- Yes; Weakly Enforced Sanctions
- Yes; Without Sanction for Violation
- No

20a. Are there legally mandated thresholds that a party must exceed before it is eligible to receive seats?

- Yes
- No

H) References

26. Please list any resources consulted in preparing this report, or that the CSES community may find especially helpful in understanding the described political system. Include website links if applicable.

Bendjaballah, Selma & Nicolas Sauger (2023). France: Political developments and data for 2022: Back to normal?. *European Journal of Political Research / Political Data Yearbook*, 62:1, 167-189. <https://doi.org/10.1111/2047-8852.12403>