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The French Election and the Left

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French Presidential Elections 2017

Second ballot – 7 May 2017

Abstentions: 26%

Spoilt: 3%

- Emmanuel Macron (En marche!)
- 66%

- Marine Le Pen (Front national)
- 34%



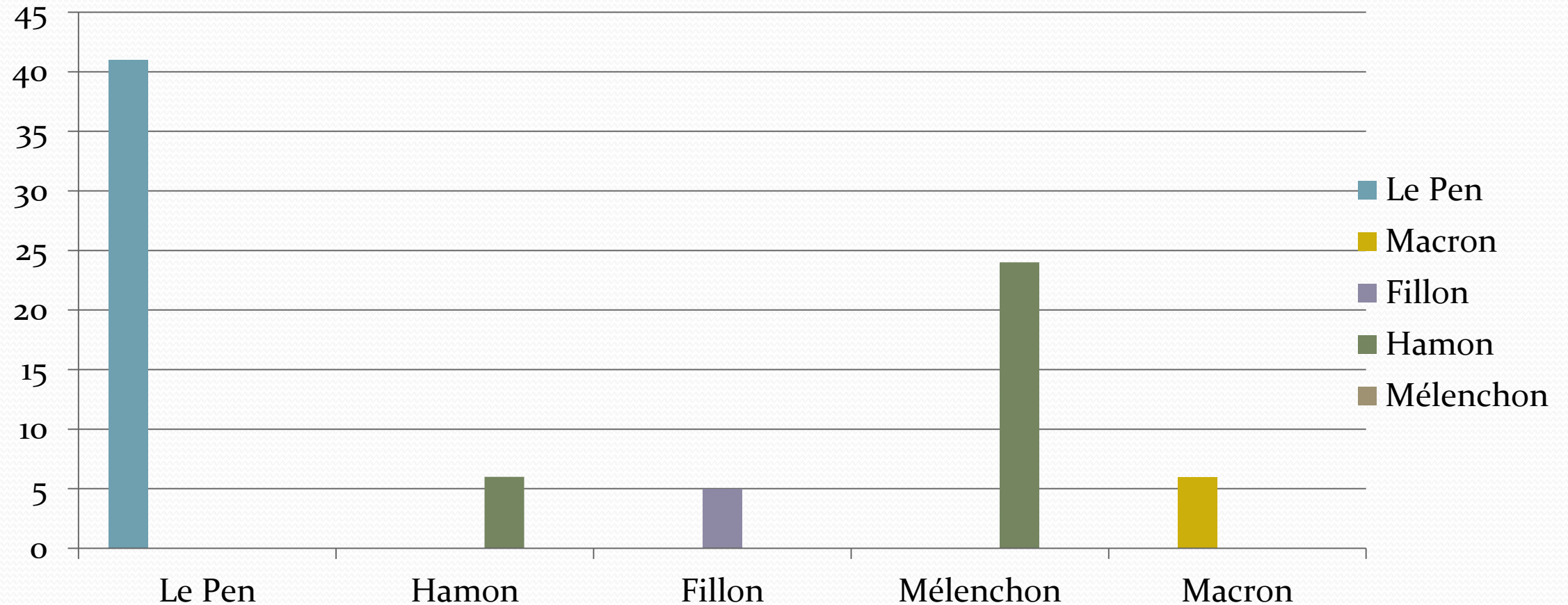
| Presidentials : First Round 23 April | Votes | % of valid votes |
|---|------------------|-------------------------|
| E. Macron <i>En Marche!</i> | 8,657,326 | 24.01 |
| Marine Le Pen <i>Front national</i> | 7,679,493 | 21.30 |
| F. Fillon <i>Les Républicains</i> | 7,213,797 | 20.01 |
| J.-L. Mélenchon <i>La France insoumise</i> | 7,060,885 | 19.58 |
| B. Hamon <i>Parti socialiste</i> | 2,291,565 | 6.36 |
| N. Dupont-Aignan <i>La France debout</i> | 1,695,186 | 4.70 |
| Jean Lassalle <i>Résistons!</i> | 435,365 | 1.21 |
| P. Poutou <i>Nouveau parti anticapitaliste</i> | 394,582 | 1.09 |
| F. Asselineau <i>Union Populaire Républicaine</i> | 332,588 | 0.92 |
| N. Arthaud <i>Lutte ouvrière</i> | 232,428 | 0.64 |
| J. Cheminade <i>Solidarité et Progrès</i> | 65,598 | 0.18 |

| Cevipof 10.2.16 | All | Mélenchon (FdG) | F. Hollande (PS) | E. Joly (Verts) |
|--|------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Too Many immigrants | 64 | 32 | 44 | 30 |
| Unemployed could find work | 52 | 21 | 40 | 24 |
| More freedom for business | 60 | 26 | 49 | 32 |
| Profound reform of capitalism is needed | 45 | 73 | 53 | 36 |
| Islam is a threat | 58 | 42 | 41 | 24 |

Left: Three way split

- 1) those demanding an alternative to capitalism like Mélenchon, Corbyn, *Die Linke* ecology and liberty (Italy)
- 2) those trying to marry social reform and adaption to realism like Bersani and SPD (or Mayor of Lille Aubry).
- 3) Third way represented by Renzi, Valls and Macron prioritising reform of labour market to resolve unemployment and possible alliance with centre.

Working class vote (*Vivavoice*)



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- 1) J.-L. Mélenchon – federates far left against austerity
 - 2) Benoît Hamon – more New Liberal than Mélenchon
 - 3) E. Macron – of the left. Rocard/Valls ‘Second left’ near to the Third Way

Conclusion

- Macron has not won anything yet
- Cross over vote to FN from the left – very significant.
- Protectionism and anti-EU issues
- Republican Front now fractured
- Glass ceiling for FN vote is rising
- June Assembly elections will determine where power lies
- It is not game over but game on

Macron: one plausible scenario

- *Parti socialiste* 25/40
- *Front national* 25/40
- *Les Républicains* 200:210
- *En marche!* 240:290

Assembly 577 Absolute majority 289

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