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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%



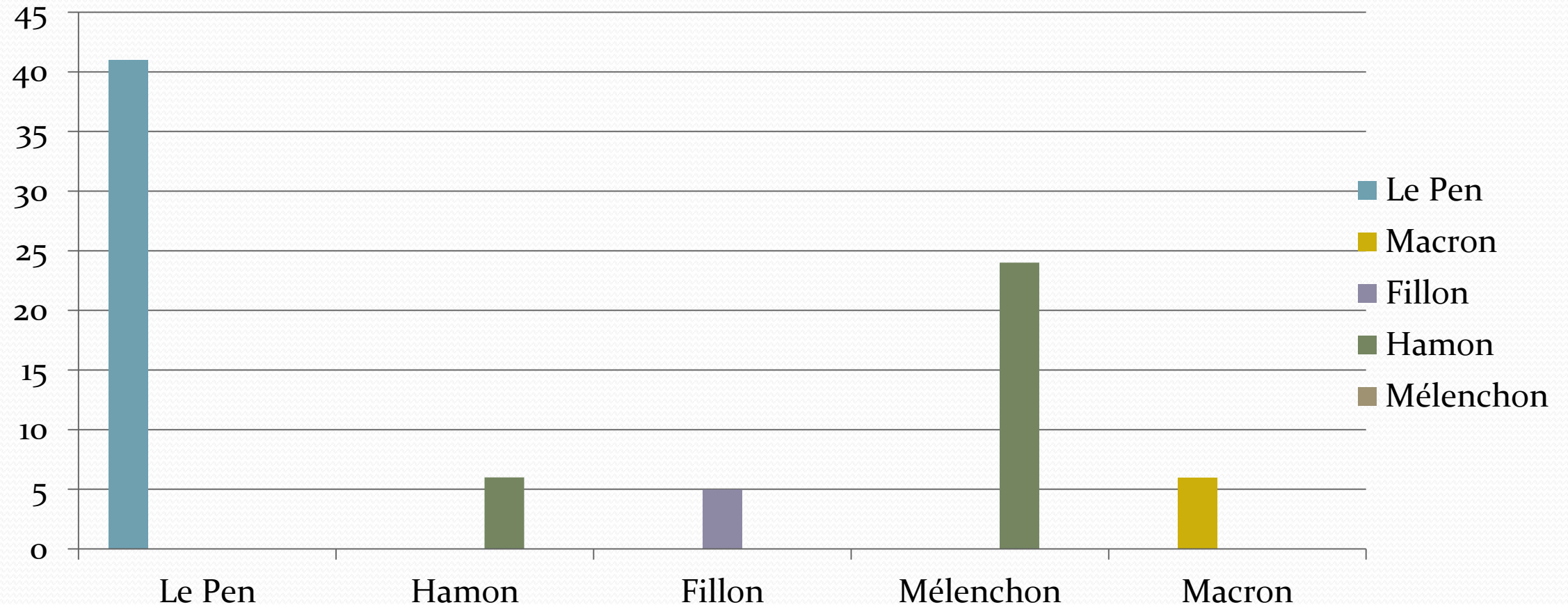
Presidentials : First Round 23 April	Votes	% of valid votes
E. Macron <i>En Marche!</i>	8,657,326	24.01
Marine Le Pen <i>Front national</i>	7,679,493	21.30
F. Fillon <i>Les Républicains</i>	7,213,797	20.01
J.-L. Mélenchon <i>La France insoumise</i>	7,060,885	19.58
B. Hamon <i>Parti socialiste</i>	2,291,565	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

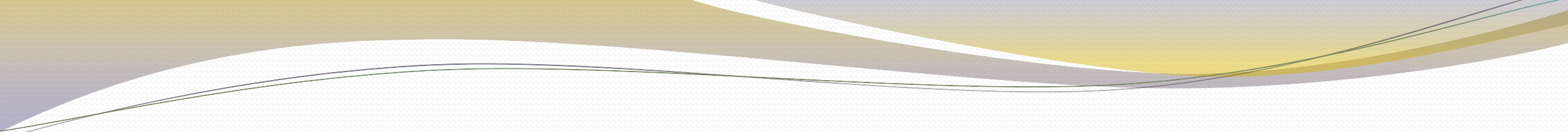
Cevipof 10.2.16	All	Mélenchon (FdG)	F. Hollande (PS)	E. Joly (Verts)
Too Many immigrants	64	32	44	30
Unemployed could find work	52	21	40	24
More freedom for business	60	26	49	32
Profound reform of capitalism is needed	45	73	53	36
Islam is a threat	58	42	41	24

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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