



Young French voters are flocking to the Right ahead of EU elections

Description

EU : An increasing number of young French voters are preparing to vote for right-wing parties in the upcoming European Parliament elections in June, the latest polling has revealed.

According to an Ipsos survey published on Tuesday, 31 percent of 18 to 24-year-olds in France are lending their vote to Jordan Bardella's National Rally (RN) — the anti-immigration party still heavily influenced by nationalist firebrand and former presidential candidate Marine Le Pen.

A further 3 percent of young people in France are backing Éric Zemmour's hard-right Reconquête, for whom Marion Maréchal, the niece of Le Pen, is the party's lead candidate.

National Rally's popularity among young voters has risen considerably since the previous polling from December, with the party up 9 percentage points, while Reconquête has fallen from 8 percent to 3 percent.

Bardella's RN currently sits with the Identity & Democracy (ID) parliamentary grouping, which is made up of conservative parties across Europe including Geert Wilders' Party for Freedom (PVV) in the Netherlands, Matteo Salvini's Lega party in Italy, the Alternative for Germany (AfD), and Herbert Kickl's Freedom Party of Austria (FPÖ).

The key takeaway from the current polling is the disillusionment with establishment parties felt among French youth as young voters drift towards both the left and right of the political spectrum.

French President Emmanuel Macron's Renaissance party is expected to attain just 4 percent of the vote — a clear rejection of the governing centrists — while 41 percent continue to support the long-held tradition of young voters being left-wing by backing far-left parties such as the Greens, LFI, and the Communists.

Among the electorate as a whole, RN continues to enjoy mass support and remains the frontrunner as it successfully taps into wider concerns about mass immigration, economic woes, and the culture wars. At 31 percent among all French voters, Bardella's party is 13 percentage points ahead of Macron's coalition parties, which have fallen by 4 percentage points in the last three months.

On the RN's candidate list for the June election is Fabrice Leggeri, the former director-general of the EU's border agency Frontex, who recently blew the whistle on the European Commission's commitment to mass immigration in an exclusive interview with Remix News.

"Migrants come out of love, and your job is to welcome them. Europe is an aging continent, and whether you like it or not, you have to welcome them," Leggeri claimed he was told by European Commissioner for Home Affairs Ylva Johansson during his tenure at Frontex

"I chose Marine Le Pen's National Rally to enter politics because I want to be in opposition to Ursula von der Leyen's Commission, which was installed by President Macron. I am resolutely in the opposition to von der Leyen and Macron," he told this site.

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