

Political Campaigns Around the Globe: Selected Case Studies

France

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Presidential election

- 1962 – referendum, direct vote
- 1965 – first election, seven years
- TV become the „member of home“
- Development of quantitative research, survey
- Journal L'Express introduce first reports of preference every month before 1958
- Philippe Jean Maarek identify year „0“ in to the presidential election 1965
- Not very famous candidate hired own adviser for campaign: **Jean Lecanuet** and Michel Bongrand

Campaign in France

- 14 days before the first round of election
- Long time without any regulation and law restriction
- UK, Germany, Italy earlier, first regulation in France 1988
- In 1990, 1993, 1995 and 1996 laws regulating presidential, national, regional, EP, local elections

Regulation of electoral campaign

- Restriction of all private TV media source during the three months before elections
- During 90 days before election it is strictly forbidden any presentation in private media include phone marketing
- Restriction of large billboards (reality?)
- The rule of three third (president/government/opposition)
- Since 2000 two half government/opposition
- But since 1881 written newspapers with „open political opinion are out of this regulation and can inform all the time until the end of campaign

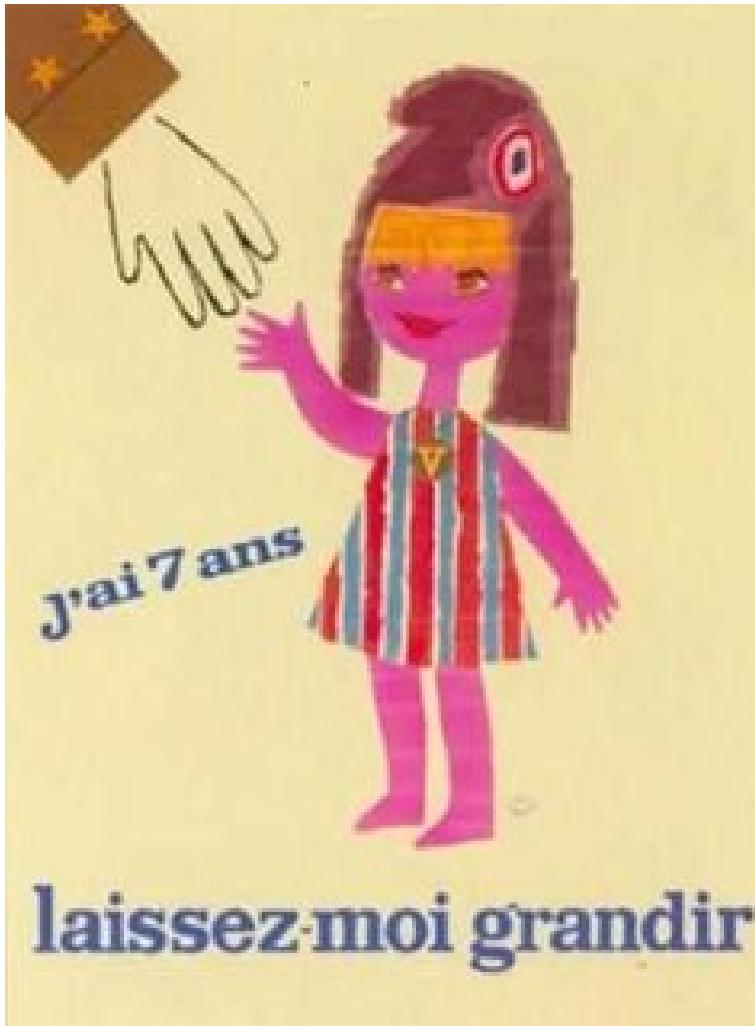
French newspapers

Newspaper	Frequency	Political alignment	Circulation	Website
<u>L'Express</u>	weekly	<u>centre-right</u> to <u>right-wing</u>	437,800	http://www.lexpress.fr
<u>L'Humanité</u>	daily	<u>communist/far-left</u>	52,800	http://www.humanite.presse.fr/
<u>La Croix</u>	daily	<u>centre/Catholic</u>	104,901	http://www.lacroix.com/
<u>La Tribune Internationale</u>	daily	<u>Centrist</u>	87,800	http://www.inttribune.com/fr
<u>Le Figaro</u>	daily	<u>right-wing</u>	321,500	http://www.lefigaro.fr
<u>Le Monde</u>	daily	<u>centre-left to left-wing</u>	314,000	http://www.lemonde.fr
<u>Libération</u>	daily	<u>center-left</u>	134,800	http://www.libération.fr

1965

Candidate	I. Round	II. Round
Ch. De Gaulle	44,65%	55,20%
F. Mitterrand	31,72%	44,80%
Jean Lecanuet	15,57%	
J.L. Tixier Vignancourt	5,20%	
P. Marcilhacy	1,71%	
Marcel Barbu	1,15%	

De Gaulle 1965



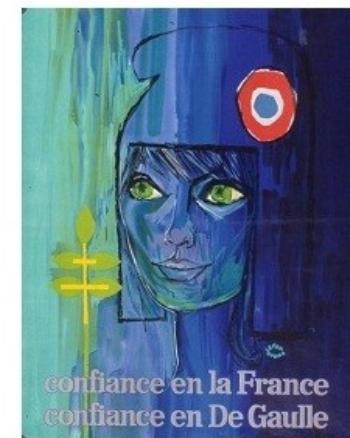
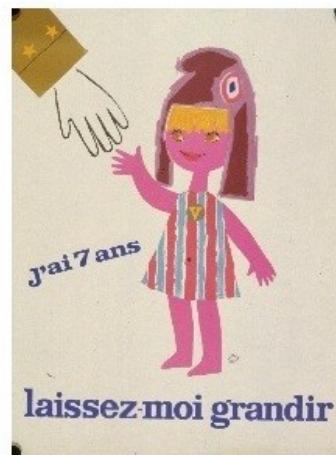
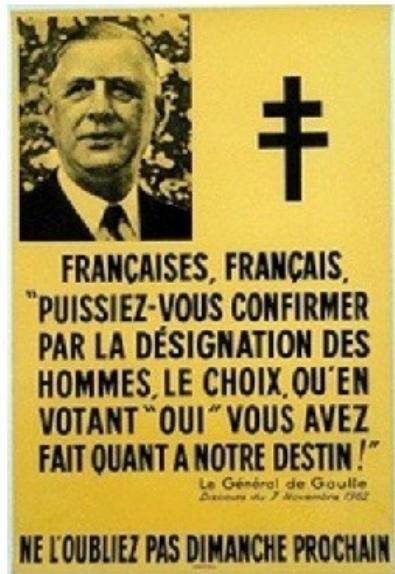
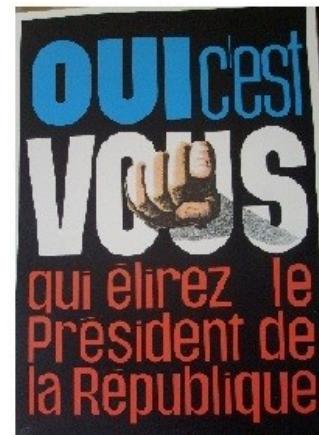
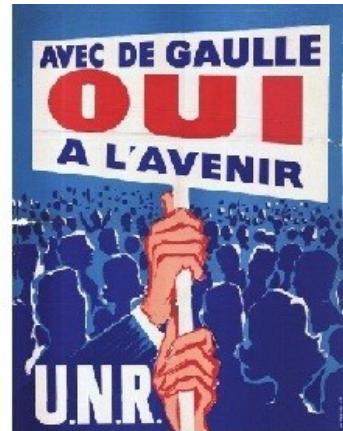
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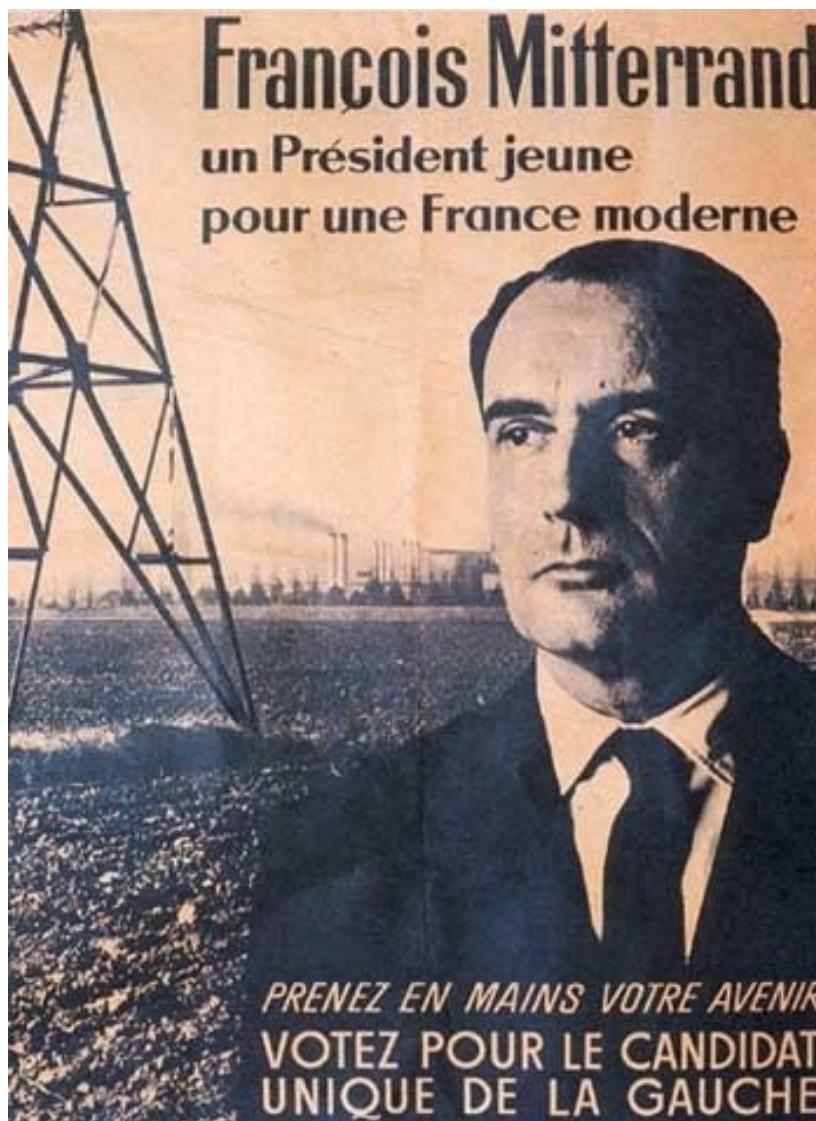
De Gaulle and media



1965



Francois Mitterrand 1965



Jean Lecanuet 1965



EN FAMILLE ÉCOUTEZ JEAN LECANUET à la TELEVISION

JEAN LECANUET PARLE À LA RADIO

SAMEDI 20
20 h. 30 à 20 h. 45
MERCREDI 24
20 h. 30 à 21 h.

VENDREDI 26
13 h. 45 à 13 h. 30
MARDI 30
20 h. 30 à 20 h. 45
MERCREDI 1^{er}
13 h. 45 à 13 h. 15

VENDREDI 3
13 h. 15 à 13 h. 30
VENDREDI 3
21 h. 15 à 21 h. 21

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ÉLECTION À LA PRÉSIDENCE DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE
Scrutin du 5 Décembre 1965



Pour une France jeune
dans une Europe unie
JEAN LECANUET

Candidat à l'élection
du 5 décembre 1965
Membre des Républicains
Champion des Jeunes d'aujourd'hui



DEMAIN...
JEAN LECANUET

UN HOMME NEUF...
...UNE FRANCE EN MARCHÉ

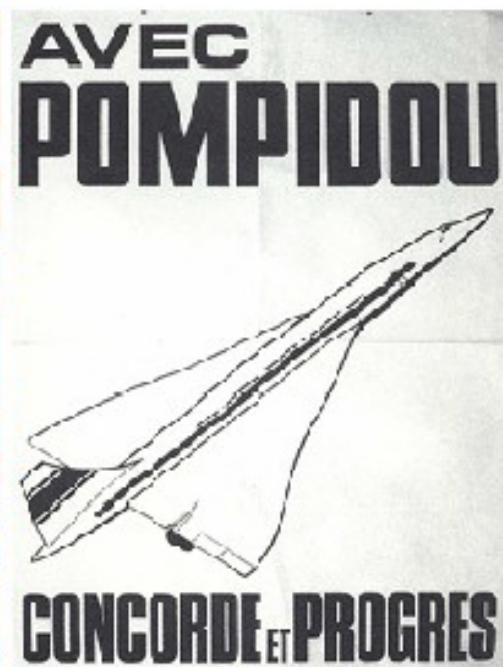
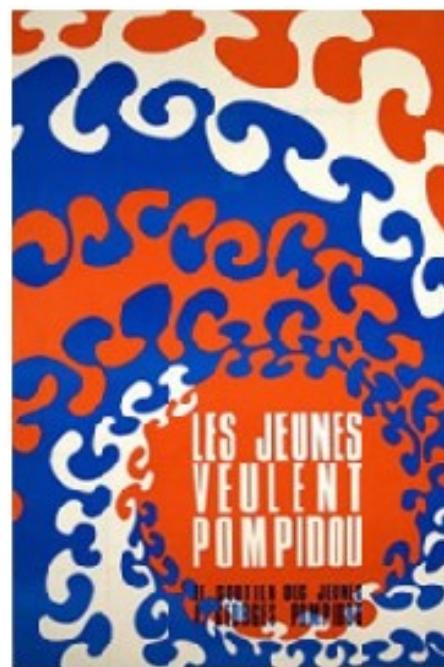
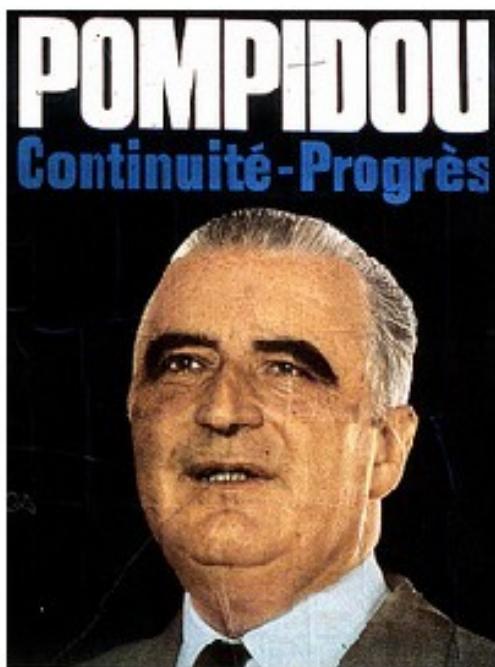
Jean Lecanuet

- Candidate – no name
- Agency „*Service et Méthodes24*“ Michel Bongrand
- During the campaign increase the popularity
- First large introduction of billboards
- General campaign was for the first time based on image and not at the program
- 83 % voters know him in the day of elections

1969

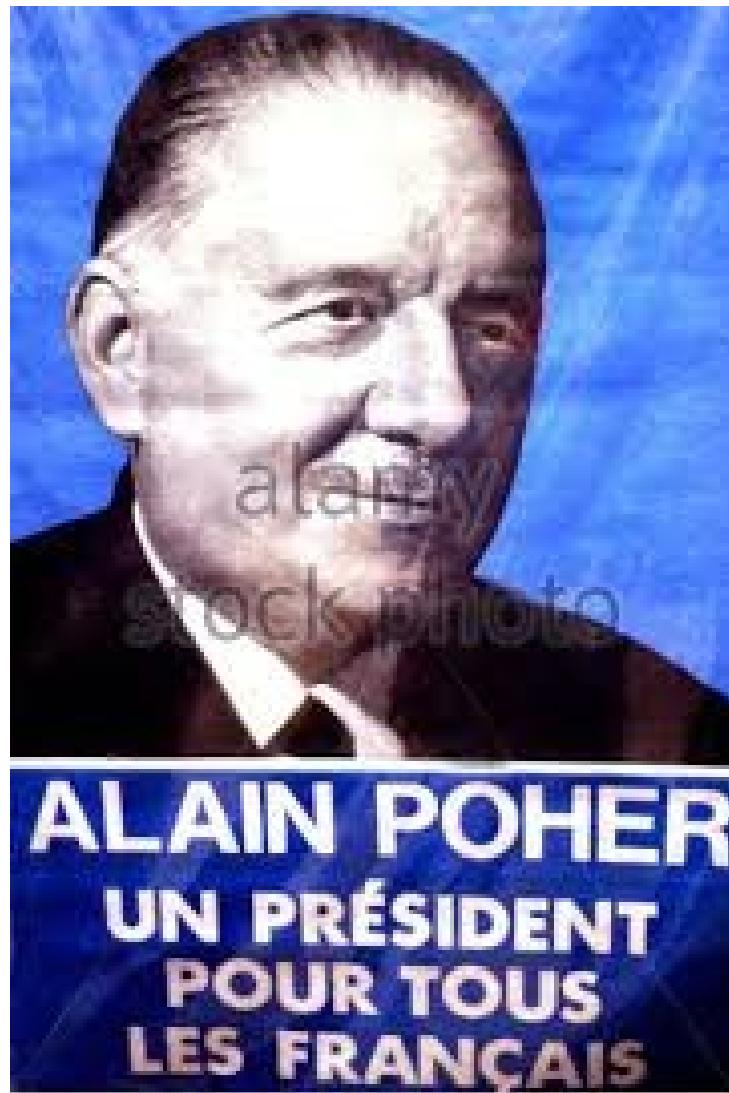
Candidate	I. Round	II. Round
G. Pompidou	44,47 %	58,21 %
Alain Poher	23,31 %	41,79 %
Jacques Duclos	21,27 %	
Gaston Deffere	5,01 %	
Michel Rocard	3,61 %	
Louis Ducatel	1,27 %	
Alain Krivine	1,06 %	

1969 – Pompidou



POMPIDOU
tient
ce qu'il promet

1969 – Poher



1974

Candidate	I. Round	II. Round
François Mitterrand	43,25 %	49,19 %
Valéry Giscard d'Estaing	32,60 %	50,81 %
Jacques Chaban-Delmas	15,11 %	
Jean Royer	3,17 %	
Arlette Laguiller	2,33 %	
René Dumont	1,32 %	
Jean Maria Le Pen	0,75 %	

1974

- Short time for campaign, same 1969
- Announce of candidat in the time of „state sadness“
- First was FM, followed by JCHD and VGD
- New TV programs and colour TV at the home!
- „**Face à face**“, first TV program about politics
- February 1970 „**À armes égales**“ (At the same swords)
- Two politician with different opinions
- „**La voix de la France**“ (Voice of France)
- „**Cartes sur table**“ (Cards on the table)
- VGD – minister of finance from last decade, married, four childrens
- VGD won the elections - 420 000 votes (1,82%)

1974 VGD

- Michel Poniatowsky „special personal assistant“
- Activ participation of whole family
- National committee of young generation, actvities (Sunday afternnon run, bicycle race, etc.)
- Valérie-Anne Giscard d'Estaing daughter of VGD
- „*Conduisez votre avenir – Votez Giscard*“



V. G. D'Estaing 1974



V. GISCARD D'ESTAING

VGD 1974



1974 newspapers

- Each newspaper has own „candidate“
- Journal *L'Aurore* - Valéry Giscard d'Estainga
- *Le Figaro* a *Les Echos*, - J. Chabana-Delmas, second round Valéry Giscard d'Estainga
- Valéry Giscard d'Estainga – TV and first „image of candidate“
- Journal *L'Unité (PS)* and *Le Mond* - FM
- **Vous n'avez pas le monopole du cœur**
- „(You have not the monopol for heart)“
- 10.5. 1974 TV
<http://www.ina.fr/video/I00017840>

1974 FM

**"La seule idée de la droite
garder le pouvoir.
Mon premier projet
vous le rendre."**

François Mitterrand.



1974 François Mitterrand

- Mitterand: less cultivated, less dynamic, less honest
- His weak competencies: foreign affairs, international politics, economy, limit in solving the problems of the country
- Best assessment – get on well with people
- Candidate with best ability of understanding of every day problems
- Social and family politics
- Ex-minister before 1958, but without any personal experience with TV and modern media
- VGD: more communication skills for TV

1981

Candidate	I. Round	II. Round
Valéry Giscard d'Estaing	28,32 %	48,24 %
François Mitterrand	25,85 %	51,76 %
Jacques Chirac	18,00 %	
Georges Marchais	15,35 %	
Brice Lalonde	3,88 %	
Arlette Laguiller	2,30 %	
Michel Crépeau	2,21 %	

1981

- Increasing number of research
- Who is better neighbour ?“ VGD or FM? Etc.
- First round – VGD winner
- One of the explication: VGD obtain good results in first round but...
- FM: candidate without PCF support before first round of the election and long time before elections was very often in TV

1981 VGD

- President since 1974
- TV show: „*Les voeux présidentiels*“ „*Elysée Portes Ouvertes: Visages d'un Président*
- „*La France a l'Elysée*“ 1977, group of 60 people, asking direct to president and he is ready to explain and describe it
- In to the campaign was introduce much more wife of VGD Anne Aymone, born in to the aristocratic family, since 1974 togehter with VGD represent country

VGD Incumbent president 1981

- Economic „crise“ and inflation
- Unification of Europe and cooperation with Germany (EP elections)
- Liberalisation (abortion)
- Decrease of active voting age 18 - 21
- 1977, first steps in campaign regulation
- FM: problematic partnership with PCF, election 1978 and bipolar quadrille
- VGD: candidate Jacques Chirac (RPR)
- Elections in real time and date

1981 VGD

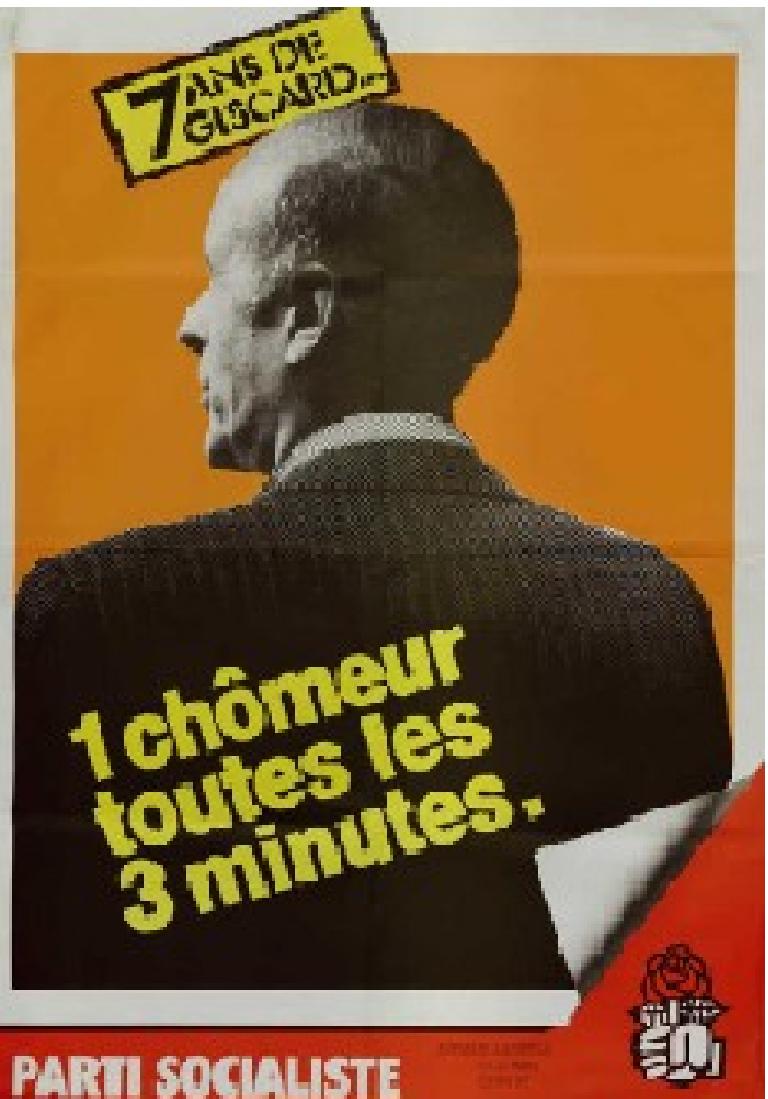
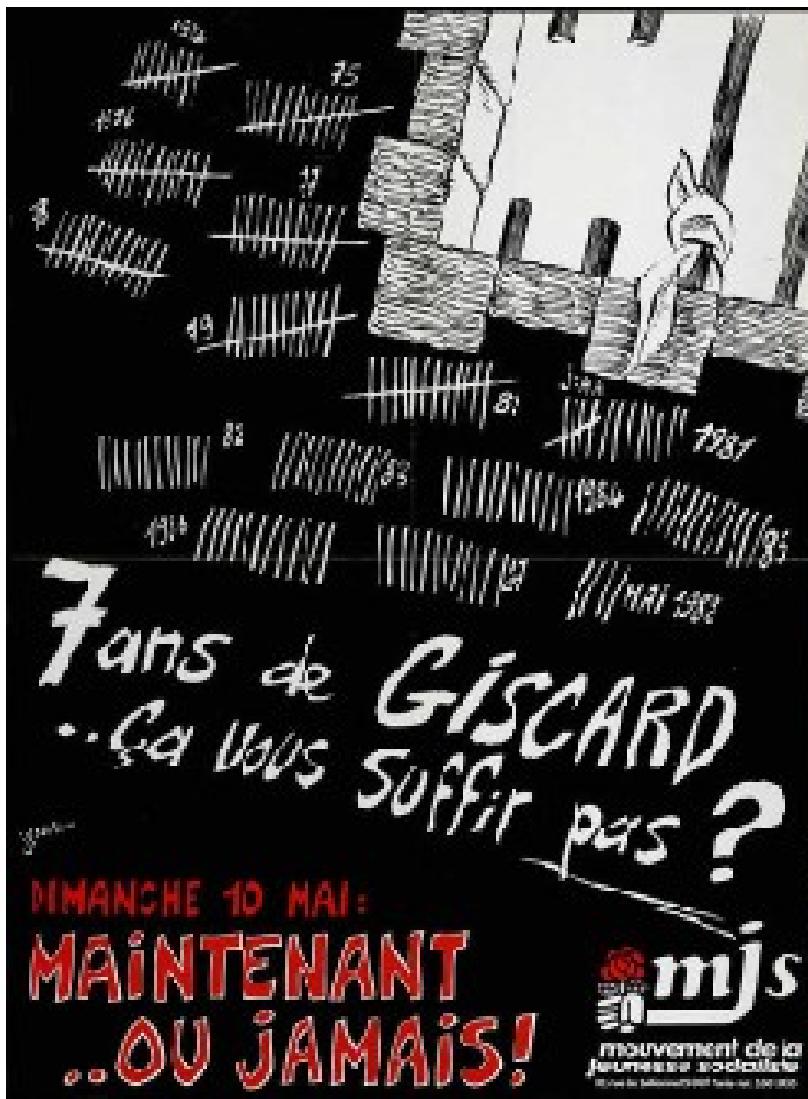
- „candidate of hope“ and “ citizen candidate“
- VGD during the offical campaign use in formal speach „YOU“
- FM use in formal speach „we“
- Key point was II. round and overtaking of voters of J. Ch. and G.M.



1981 VGD



Negativ campaign 1981



VGD II. Kolo



J. Chirac - RPR 1981



G. Marchaise – PCF 1981



1981 FM

- Strategy of „ordinary citizen“
- In the TV discussion FM cooperate with „ordinary people“ together with academics (ecolo, unemployment, housing etc).
- Between first and second round of presidential elections movie about the campaign – description of „Tour de France of FM“
- Role of Danielle Mitterrand, oposition of „madame VGD“
- 10.5. 1981 pilgrimage around small village together with journalist

1981

- Bernard Cathelat, sociologist with own concept of „sociostyle“ – lifestyle in french society
- Communication strategy - „cultural change“
- La force tranquille – change but not modern
- „*L'Autre chemin. Une autre politique, un autre président*“
- „Other way, other politics other president“

1981 „La force tranquille“



1981 - 1995

- New TV program „Ca nous interesse monsieur le Président“ - „It is of interest to us, Mister President“
- Bilateral talk show for „people“
- 1995 J. Pilhan long time FM adviser and later join J. Chirac team

1988 – Génération Mitterrand



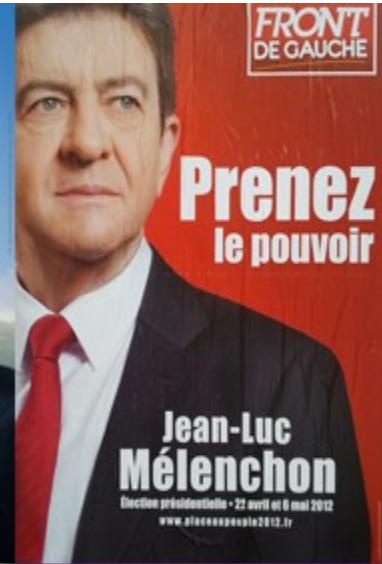
Election campaign - 2012



2007 Nicolas Sarkozy



2012



2012



NPA – Far left



PS – Jospin, Royal, Hollande

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UMP – Chirac, Sarkozy

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