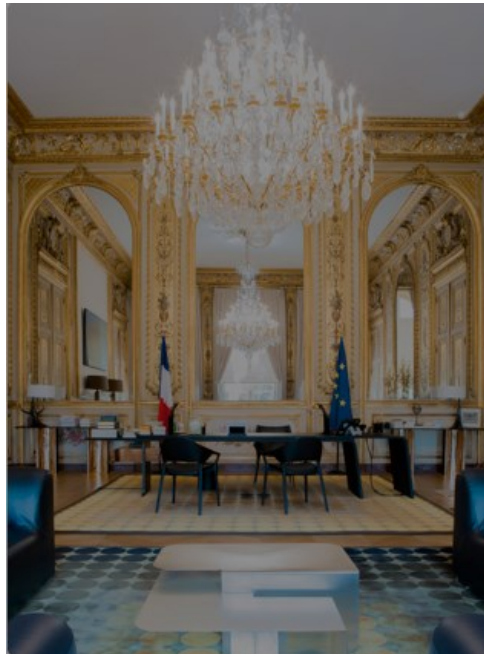


*Challenges before Democracies:*

**West's Democracies: require Statesmen as Leaders: French Elections of June 30**

July 1, 2024

June 30, 2024: Paris, France: On Sunday, **En Marche** (Renaissance), the Party of the French President **Emmanuel Macron** and the **Together** coalition, which the **En Marche** leads, launched, a fresh week of intense campaigning, hours after their coalition was humiliated, by the hard-right **National Rally** (RN).



*Elysee Palace, Paris, France*

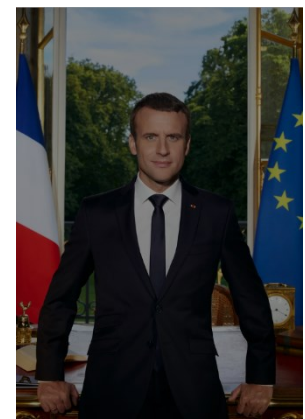
The ruling Coalition and the President had lost popularity.

Macron (b. 21 December 1977) was expected to lose some Legislative seats to **Marine Le Pen**'s far-right **National Rally** (RN).

The 577-seat **National Assembly**:

- **Marine Le Pen**'s RN secured 230-280 seats.
- The left-wing alliance, the **New Popular Front** coalition, obtained 125-165 seats.
- **Macron**'s centrist coalition won 70-100 seats. The President's **Together** grouping won the most seats with 245 but fell 44 short of an absolute majority.

The second round of voting is scheduled for July 7, 2024.



According to ABC News Report of July 1, 2024, RN blames **immigration** for many of France's problems. **Marine Le Pen** has built a nationwide support network, notably in small towns and farming communities that see **Macron and the Paris political class as out of touch**.

If the President is not able to get a majority for his **Together** grouping on July 7 and if RN were to get it, the Presidency would be weakened even though the President would remain Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces and even though he would be responsible for international relations.

---- A BACKGROUNDER on APPROVAL RATINGS of DEMOCRATIC LEADERS ----

**June 14, 2024: Rome, Italy: Giorgia Meloni**, the Prime Minister of Italy, introduced **Narendra Modi** as the **most popular democratic Leader of the world**. **Modi** had gone to the meeting, after taking oath as the Prime Minister of India for a **3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive term**, on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024, after the General Elections, in which 642 Mn citizens, out of 969 Mn registered voters had exercised their franchise for electing 543 members of the **Lok Sabha** (the Lower House of India's Parliament).



*June 14, 2024: Borgo Egnazia (Fasano) in Apulia, Italy:  
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**Narendra Modi's** approval rating was as high as 77%. (Reference: <https://www.visualcapitalist.com/approval-ratings-of-world-leaders-in-2024/>)

The only other leaders, who had **approval rating of more than 50%** were:

- **Andrés Manuel López Obrador** (b. 13 November 1953) assumed Presidency of **Mexico** on 1 December 2018: Approval Rating of 64%;
- **Viola Patricia Amherd** (b. 7 June 1962) of Switzerland, won approval from 57%. Her term is from 1 January 2024 to December 31, 2024.
- **Andrzej Sebastian Duda** (b. 16 May 1972) has served as **President of Poland** since 6<sup>th</sup> August 2015. His approval stands at 50%. Poland's **Donald Tusk**, also came in strong with 50% approval.

All other leaders of democracies have approval rating of less than 50%.

The data is updated on a quarterly basis.

Eight countries had heads of state or government with disapproval ratings above 50%, including **U.S. President Joe Biden** and **Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau**.

**Germany's Olaf Scholz** also finds himself on the low end of the list. **Scholz**—who succeeded Angela Merkel in 2021—hit a record low in polling at the end of 2023 with 20% approval, tied only with **South Korea's Yook Seok-youl**.

And according to Morning Consult, they weren't the world leaders with the lowest approval ratings. The full dataset of 21 countries shows that **Fumio Kishida**, the Prime Minister of Japan has an Approval Rating of 23.8%.

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