

French Presidential election 2012

What if we also speak about Human Rights?

10 test questions to the candidates

I. Questions concerning France

1- Relationships between police and youth in disadvantaged districts – Problems posed by abusive identity checks

Would you agree to set up a system requiring police officers conducting identity checks to provide to each person stopped a written confirmation explaining the legal basis of the identity check?

2- Women's rights

Will you ratify the Council of Europe convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence in order to implement its provisions in France?

3- Roma in France

Do you commit yourself to fully respect the rights to freedom of movement and non-discrimination of Roma from Central Europe?

II. Diplomacy and Human Rights

4- Syria/ Consequences of the "Arab Spring"

Do you agree with maintaining high pressure on Russia and China so that these countries would support a UN Security Council resolution denouncing the human rights violations perpetrated by the Syrian authorities?

Will you commit yourself to meet civil society organizations systematically before official visits to authoritarian countries?

5- Afghanistan

What strategy will you put in place to promote a shift in Afghanistan to the respect of rule of law and women's rights?

6- Fight against impunity - the Ivory Coast, Guinean and Congolese (DCR) cases

Will you ask the Ivorian, Guinean and Congolese authorities to hold accountable individuals from former and current regimes who are involved in serious crimes (crimes against humanity, war crimes)?

7- China

Will you publicly call for the immediate release of Liu Xiaobo, Nobel Peace Prize winner in 2010, and the other Charter 08 signatories?

8- Russia

Will you publicly and personally ask the Russian authorities to respect human rights, in particular in the North Caucasus Republics, in the context of the preparation for the Sochi Olympic Games?

9- USA - Fight against impunity for serious crimes

Will you champion equality for everyone before the law and the importance of accountability for the most serious crimes, whatever the citizenship of those who perpetrated them, as, for example, in the context of cases opened in France investigating complaints of Guantanamo Bay detainees on the basis of universal jurisdiction?

10- Sexual orientation and gender identity

Will you publicly denounce countries that continue to penalize homosexuality, in particular those that still use the death penalty for homosexual conduct?