

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 2017

QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES



When you are president,

Will you defend universal human rights values in your national and international policies, in a context of xenophobia, rejection of foreigners and rise of national extremism?

IN FRANCE

1. Identity checks and police violence

Will you undertake a reform of identity checks and introduce systematic recording of police stops, to fight ethnic profiling by police forces in France?

2. Counterterrorism

What strategy will you implement to lead France out of the state of emergency in place since November 2015, and to ensure respect for fundamental freedoms and the rule of law while combating terrorism?

3. Asylum

How will you ensure that France shows greater leadership within the European Union and internationally in welcoming and protecting refugees fleeing violence and persecution? What will you do to strengthen the protection of unaccompanied minors in France?

IN EUROPE

4. European Union

What steps will you take to ensure that the European Union lives up to its founding values of respect for human rights in the current context of skepticism toward European institutions and the rise of extreme nationalism?

AROUND THE WORLD

5. United States

How do you propose to engage with President Trump, when he acts in ways that threaten human rights and basic democratic principles, including his attacks on the media?

6. Syria

How would you lead France in ensuring that human rights priorities, the protection of civilians, and accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria are part of any agreed upon peace deal?

7. Russia

How do you envisage building relations with President Putin, given Moscow's human rights record, its positions on issues such as Syria at the Security Council, and its lack of respect for international law?

8. Saudi Arabia

Will you cease selling arms to Saudi Arabia and to the countries of the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen, as long as the bombings targeting civilians have not ceased and are not investigated in an independent and credible manner?

9. China

Will you publicly and personally call for the immediate release of Liu Xiao Bo, the Nobel Peace Laureate in 2010, and call for an end to arbitrary detention, despite the economic and political links between France and China?

10. Africa

How will you ensure that military interventions abroad, in particular in the context of counter-terrorist cooperation in countries of the Sahel region, do not contribute to violations by the armed forces backed by France, or by French forces themselves?

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE

11. Fight against impunity

Will your government fight impunity for genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity by ensuring strong political and financial support for the International Criminal Court?

Will you support ongoing efforts by French judicial authorities to investigate and prosecute serious crimes committed abroad, in places such as Syria?