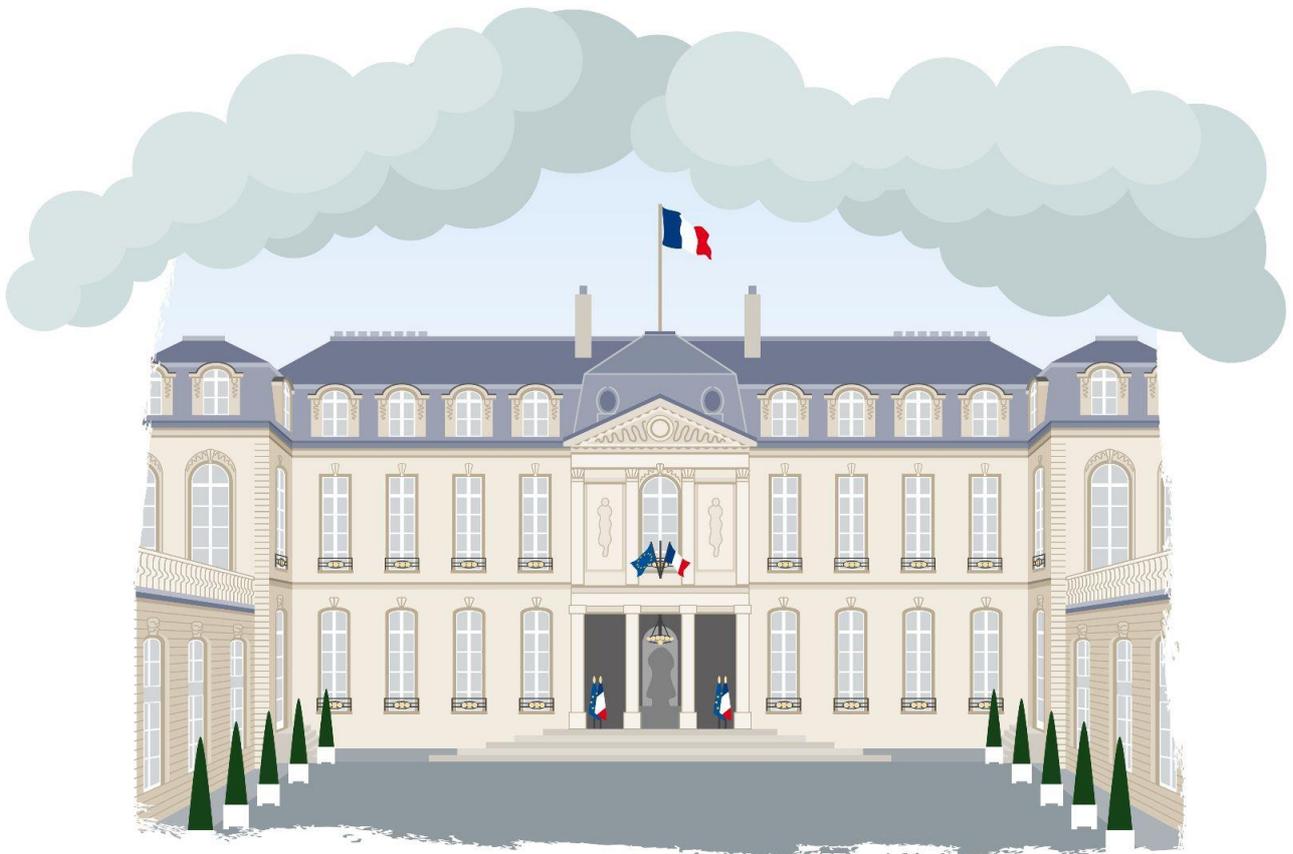


2022 French Presidential Election

Gender Equality in Political Programmes



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Executive Summary

- The three most frequently addressed themes related to gender equality in political programmes for the 2022 French presidential election were in fact at the heart of the French public debate in recent years: the fight against harassment, sexist and sexual violence, the revaluation of predominantly female jobs and careers, and the pension system.
- Some proposals seem to transcend the left-right divide, in appearance only. This divide persists: while left-wing candidates frame their proposals on gender equality in an emancipatory perspective, right-wing candidates are part of a traditional and familyist approach to equality issues. Far-right programmes belong to femonationalism.
- Among many proposals put forward by feminist organisations in the context of the 2022 French presidential election, three themes are echoed in the candidates' programmes: equality in the workplace (equal pay, revaluation of predominantly female jobs and careers, pensions), sexual and reproductive health and rights and parenthood.
- Some issues raised by French feminist organisations are largely absent from the 2022 presidential campaign: stereotyping in career choice, sexism in the media, feminist foreign policy development, and gender equality in sports.
- Issues that divide in feminist movements are present in some political programmes, including the abolition of prostitution and the legalisation of surrogacy.