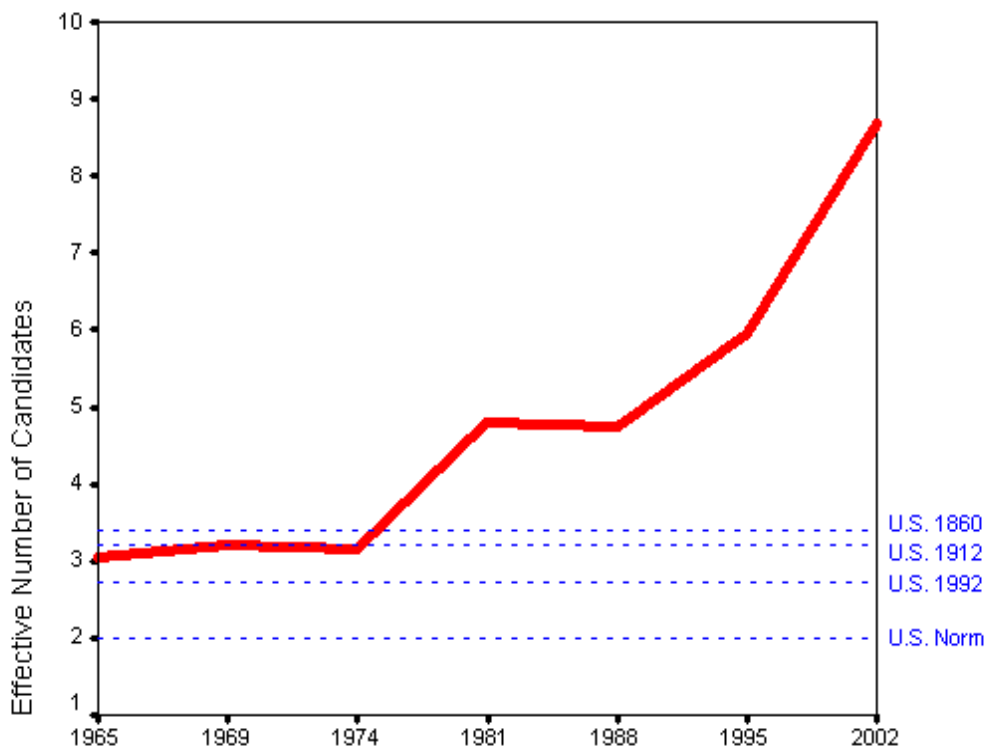


French Presidential election: First round results – 21st April 2002

Candidate	Party	Votes	%	
J. Chirac	Rally for the Republic (centre-right)	5,620,198	19.83	2 nd round
J.M. Le Pen	National Front (far right)	4,794,530	16.91	2 nd round
L. Jospin	Socialist Party (centre-left)	4,576,068	16.14	
F. Bayrou	Union for French Democracy (centre)	1,939,613	6.84	
A. Laguerre	Workers' Struggle (far left)	1,625,646	5.73	
J.P. Chevènement	Citizens' Movement (far right)	1,509,943	5.33	
N. Hamere	Greens	1,485,083	5.24	
O. Besancenot	Revolutionary Communist League (far-left)	1,207,438	4.26	
J. Saint-Josse	Hunting, Fishing, Nature and Traditions	1,204,043	4.25	
A. Madelin	Liberal Democrats (liberal right)	1,104,060	3.89	
R. Hue	Communist Party (far-left)	959,412	3.38	
B. Meuret	National Republican Movement (far-right)	665,193	2.35	
C. Taubira	Radical Party of the Left (centre-left)	656,475	2.32	
C. Lepage	Citizenship, Action and Involvement (centre)	531,920	1.88	
C. Boutin	Independent (ex-UDF) (right)	336,426	1.19	
D. Gluckstein	Worker's Party (far left)	132,451	0.47	

Second Round (Runoff between top two candidates in the First Round):
 Chirac 25,540,873 82.21%
 Le Pen 5,525,906 17.79%

The outcome of the first round was a shock because it was expected that it would produce a runoff between Chirac (the incumbent) and Jospin, commonly viewed as the two “serious” candidates, representing the moderate right and left respectively.



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