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French voters turned their backs on the political establishment last night in round one of the presidential election.

Emmanuel Macron – an independent centrist – won first place ahead of National Front leader Marine Le Pen.

The result will have major implications as Miss Le Pen wants to completely renegotiate France's relationship with Brussels while Mr Macron wants closer links.

According to France's Interior Ministry, 46 million people voted in the first stage of the elections which knocked the traditional mainstream Right and Left parties out of the running for the first time in 60 years.

Macron had never before stood for election and only started his independent centrist movement 12 months ago. He served as an economy minister under President Francois Hollande, ran without the backing of an established party, forming his own called 'En Marche!'



With 97 per cent of the vote counted, Macron achieved 23.9 per cent, followed by Le Pen on 21.4. But it is thought that Le Pen's chances of winning the second round are limited as supporters for Republican candidate Francois Fillon, who conceded but has gained 19.9 per cent of the votes, will support Macron. Moreover, France's Prime Minister, Bernard Cazeneuve, also called on voters to support Macron.

Macron acknowledged widespread anger at traditional parties and promised 'new transformations' in French politics. And he has vowed to reinforce France's commitment to the EU and euro. However, Le Pen has vowed to offer French voters a referendum to leave the EU and wants to leave the euro, known as Frexit.





Initial election results triggered riots across the country, initially sparked in Paris' Place du la Bastille, the birthplace of the French Revolution, tonight against the Le Pen's National Front.

The second round of voting between the two front runners of today's poll will take place on Sunday 7 May.

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