

JACQUES CHIRAC
PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

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Born on 29 November 1932 in the fifth arrondissement of Paris
Son of François Chirac, a company director, and Marie-Louise, née Valette
Married on 16 March 1956 to Bernadette Chodron de Courcel
Two children: Laurence and Claude.

EDUCATION

Lycée Carnot and lycée Louis-le-Grand, Paris.

QUALIFICATIONS

Graduate of the Paris Institut d'Etudes politiques and of the Harvard University Summer School (USA).

DECORATIONS

Grand-Croix de l'Ordre national du Mérite;
Croix de la Valeur militaire;
Grand-Croix du Mérite de l'Ordre souverain de Malte;
Chevalier du Mérite Agricole, des Arts et des Lettres, de l'Etoile Noire, du Mérite sportif, du Mérite Touristique;
Médaille de l'Aéronautique.

CAREER

1957-1959: Student at the Ecole nationale d'Administration;
1959: Auditeur at the Cour des comptes (Audit Court);
1962: Chargé de mission at the Government Secretariat-General;
1962: Chargé de mission in the private office of M. Georges Pompidou, Prime Minister;
1965-1993: Conseiller référendaire (public auditor) at the Cour des comptes;
March 1965 to March 1977: Member of the Sainte-Féréole (Corrèze) municipal council;
March-May 1967: National Assembly Deputy for the Corrèze;
1967-1968: Minister of State for Social Affairs, with responsibility for Employment (government of M. Georges Pompidou);
1968: Member of the Corrèze General Council for the canton of Meymac, re-elected in 1970 and 1976;

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1968-1971: Minister of State for the Economy and Finance (governments of Georges Pompidou, Maurice Couve de Murville and Jacques Chaban-Delmas);
June 1968 - August 1968: Union pour la Défense de la République - UDR - (Gaullist Party) Deputy for Corrèze;
Since 1969: Treasurer of the Fondation Georges Pompidou (a voluntary organization providing assistance particularly for the elderly and handicapped children);
From 1970 to March 1979: Chairman of the Corrèze General Council;
1971-1972: Minister-Delegate, attached to the Prime Minister, with responsibility for relations with Parliament (government of Jacques Chaban-Delmas);
1972-1973: Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (government of Pierre Messmer);
4 March 1973 - 5 May 1973: Re-elected National Assembly Deputy for Corrèze;
1973-1974: Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (government of Pierre Messmer);
1974: Minister of the Interior (government of Pierre Messmer);
27 May 1974: Appointed Prime Minister;
December 1974 - June 1975: Union des Démocrates pour la République (UDR, Gaullist Party) General Secretary;
June 1975: UDR Honorary General Secretary ;
25 August 1976: Tenders his government's resignation;
1976: Re-elected National Assembly Deputy for Corrèze, third constituency;
5 December 1976: Elected Chairman of the Rassemblement pour la République - RPR - (Gaullist Party);
20 March 1977: Elected Mayor of Paris;
12 March 1978: Re-elected National Assembly Deputy for Corrèze (third constituency);
1 May 1979: Elected Chairman of the Association internationale des Maires et Responsables des Capitales et Métropoles partiellement ou entièrement francophones - AIMF- (Mayors of French-speaking Cities Association);
10 June 1979: Elected to the European Parliament (Défense des Intérêts de la France en Europe list). Resigned his seat in 1980;
14 June 1981: Re-elected National Assembly Deputy for Corrèze, third constituency;
14 March 1982: Re-elected member of the Corrèze General Council for the canton of Meymac;
20 March 1983: Re-elected Mayor of Paris;
16 March 1986: Re-elected National Assembly Deputy for Corrèze;
20 March 1986-10 May 1988: Prime Minister (cohabitation);
5 June 1988: Re-elected National Assembly Deputy for Corrèze ;
19 March 1989: Re-elected Mayor of Paris;

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11 February 1990: Re-elected RPR Chairman;
7 March 1993: Re-elected RPR Chairman;
28 March 1993: Re-elected National Assembly Deputy for Corrèze;
12 November 1994: Resigned as RPR Chairman;
7 May 1995: Elected President of the French Republic on the second ballot with 15, 770,249 votes (52.64% of the votes cast) compared to 14,187,963 votes for Lionel Jospin;
15 May 1995: Resigned as National Assembly Deputy for Corrèze;
16 May 1995: Resigned as Mayor of Paris.

PUBLISHED WORKS

Thesis at the Institut d'Etudes politiques: le Développement du port de la Nouvelle-Orléans (1954);

Discours pour la France à l'heure du choix; La lueur de l'espérance: réflexion du soir pour le matin (1978);

Une nouvelle France, Réflexions 1 (1994);

La France pour Tous (1995)/.

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