



French Republic

MR JACQUES CHIRAC, PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

Biography

Born on November 29, 1932, in the 5th arrondissement of Paris. Son of François Chirac, company director, and Marie-Louise Valette. Married on March 16, 1956, to Bernadette Chodron de Courcel. Two children: Laurence and Claude.



Education

Lycées Carnot and Louis-le-Grand, Paris

Degrees

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Institute of Political Science), Paris, and Harvard University Summer School (USA).

Distinctions

Grand-Croix de la Légion d'Honneur
Grand-Croix de l'Ordre National du Mérite
Croix de la Valeur Militaire
Médaille de l'Aéronautique
Chevalier du Mérite Agricole, des Arts et des Lettres, de l'Étoile Noire, du Mérite Sportif, Grand Cross of the Merit of the Sovereign Order of Malte

Career

1957-1959
Ecole nationale d'Administration (ENA - National School of Administration)
1959
Auditor, State Audit Court (Cour des Comptes)
1962
Special assistant, Government Secretariat-General 1965-1993 Conseiller référendaire, State Audit Court
1965-1993
Conseiller référendaire à la Cour des Comptes
March 1965 - March 1977
Town councillor, Sainte-Féréole (Corrèze)
March - May 1967
Deputy for the Corrèze Department
1967-1968
State Secretary for Social Affairs, with responsibility for employment problems (in the

government of G. Pompidou)
1968
Elected Departmental Councillor for the canton of Meymac (re-elected in 1970 and 1976)
1968–1971
State Secretary for the Economy and Finance (in the Pompidou, Couve de Murville and Chaban–Delmas governments)
June 1968 – August 1968
Deputy (Union pour la Défense de la République – UDR) for the Corrèze Department
Since 1969
Treasurer of the Claude Pompidou Foundation (which in particular provides help for the elderly and for handicapped children)
1970 – March 1979
President of the Corrèze Departmental Council
1971–1972
Minister Delegate (Prime Minister's Office) with responsibility for relations with Parliament (Chaban–Delmas government)
1972–1973
Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (Messmer government)
March 4, 1973–May 5, 1973
Deputy for the Corrèze Department (re-elected)
1973–1974
Ministre de l'Agriculture et du Développement rural (Gouvernement de Pierre Messmer)
1974
Minister of the Interior (Messmer government)
27 mai 1974
Appointed Prime Minister
December 1974 – June 1975
Secretary–General, Union des Démocrates pour la République (UDR)
June 1975
Honorary Secretary–General, UDR
August 25, 1976
Tendered resignation of his government
1976
Re-elected Deputy for Corrèze Department (3rd constituency)
December 5, 1976
Elected President of the Rassemblement pour la République (RPR – Rally for the Republic), successor party to the UDR
March 20, 1977
Elected Mayor of Paris
May 1, 1979
Elu président de l'Association Internationale des Maires et responsables des capitales et métropoles partiellement ou entièrement Francophones (AIMF)
10 juin 1979
Elected President of the Association internationale des maires et responsables des capitales et métropoles partiellement ou entièrement francophones (AIMF – International association of mayors and leaders of wholly or partially French-speaking capital cities and metropolitan areas)
June 10, 1979
Elected Member of the European Parliament (on the Defence of French Interests in Europe list); resigned seat in 1980

From 20 March 1986 to 10 May 1988

Prime minister ("Cohabitation" period)

May 7, 1995

Elected President of the French Republic (in 2nd round of polling) with 15,770,249 votes (52.64% of votes cast) versus 14,187,963 votes for Lionel Jospin

May 17, 1995

Investiture of the President of the Republic

May 5, 2002

Reelected President of the French Republic (in 2nd round of polling)

May 16, 2002

Investiture of the President of the Republic

OEuvres

Thesis on the development of the Port of New Orleans (Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Paris), 1954

"Discours pour la France à l'heure du choix," (Address to France at the moment of decision), Editions Stock (1978)

"La lueur d'espérance: Réflexion du soir pour le matin" (The glimmer of hope: reflections in the evening for the next morning), Editions La Table Ronde 1978

"Une nouvelle France, Réflexions 1" (A new France, Reflections 1), Nil Editions 1994

"La France pour tous" (France for all), Nil Editions 1995

Source: Présidence de la République française