



IMPACT OF THE COVID CRISIS IN THE FRENCH PUBLIC DEBATE

STATEMENT

- **17-21 february 2020 : An evangelic meeting in Mulhouse with 5000 persons is consider as the first large case of contamination with 1000 persons who were declare positive to COVID, They contributed to the disemination of the virus in France**
- **7 of march, Emmanuel Macron declare « There is no reason to modify our habits except for at risk population»**
- **11 of March health minister took mesures to forbade visits in care home and meeting over 1000 persons**
- **12 of march, the president annonce that nursery, school, secondary school, high school and university will be closed**
- **17 of march 2020 lockdown in France**



THE MASK



- In 2009, France had 723 million FFP2 masks and one billion surgical masks. A 2015 Senate report indicates that the executive refused to renew expiring masks. The reason: the costs, while France has not suffered any new pandemic since 2011

It was the first polemic about masks in France, people didn't understand why the government, said nothing at first about the capacity to "protect the population"

- "We should not buy masks", maintains the government spokesperson Sibeth Ndiaye "There really has to be prolonged contact with someone, and a droplet transmission. This is also the reason why not everyone will wear a mask in France".

This second declaration was made because everybody tried to buy masks to protect themselves, but the offer was limited, and a lot of medical staff didn't have access to them. It was a complete panic everybody wanted to buy masks and the prices increased 50€ in some regions for a box of masks. It was somehow frustrated for people who cannot afford it.

So some dressmaker groups decided to create a free pattern to allowed citizens to contribute to the national effort at providing masks for nursing staff.

That situation crystalized tensions between politics and citizens, with the news on TV saying the crisis was out of control and the number of deaths everyday.



SANITARY PASS



The sanitary pass has been voted by the French Parliament to allow citizens to go back to theaters, concerts, restaurants....

But that « control » was considered for non-vaccinated persons and some deputies against liberties. So it divided the French society. Everybody suspected his neighbors and oppositions between vaccinated people and non-vaccinated became violent on social medias and excluded a part of the population.

For people who were against the vaccine pass, they compared the government to the Nazi regime. A small part of French citizens had the feeling of being in the same situation as the Jewish people during the WWII, words were really violent « sanitary dictatorship, Jewish star, control freak society....»

The situation got worse after a declaration of Emmanuel Macron in an interview Tuesday the 4 of January 2022 « I really want to piss off the non-vaccinated »

That remark caused chaos in the hemicycle of the National Assembly and forced the president of the session to suspend the work

Saturday January 8, more than 100,000 demonstrators marched against the vaccine pass project. A gauge clearly on the rise after the words of the Head of State assuming to "piss off" the non-vaccinated

Here are the comments made by Emmanuel Macron, in his interview published by Le Parisien, Tuesday, January 4. Mid-January 2022, more than 600 cultural actors the health policy, "powerful tool of division" in the forum "We are still not fooled"





LA "RAOULT-MANIA" BAT SOI

Le chômage partiel longue durée sera indemnisé à 84% du salaire brut à partir du 1er juillet, indique l'Elysée.

DIDIER RAOULT

Professor Didier Raoult, is the director of an Infectious diseases in Marseille,

He became a figure of the protest and opposition of the sanitary measures

He is famous in France for his videos « *Coronavirus : fin de partie !* » « Coronavirus end of the game » and about his studies about Chloroquine (a drug which could be use against COVID)

He also said that « Covid is probably the easiest respiratory infection to treat »

He was consider as a saint for a lot of french people the right side of french politic use his figure as a symbol to protest againt sanitary mesures, during marches to thanks him for « showing the truth about the lies of the government »

https://youtu.be/YD_-HKN-zuo



PUBLIC OPINION



In May 2020, French citizens were among the people most critical of their government in Europe, according to a poll showing 66% disapproval.

On March 25, 56% of French respondents mentioned poor management of the Covid-19 crisis by the government

According to an Ifop-Fiducial poll carried out on March 26 and 27, 26% of those questioned believe that the government "acted quickly", 34% that it "gives all the means to infrastructures and health professionals to fight against this virus" and 72% that he "hid some information"

At the beginning of August, 85% of French people said they were in favor of wearing a mask in enclosed public places.

On March 29, a mobilization seems to be born on social networks with hashtags like #OnNoublieraPas. These reactions express for the sociologist Pascal Froissart "a movement of defiance against the institutions"

TRAILS

The way the French government is handling the coronavirus crisis is drawing criticism. Among the main points denounced are the maintenance of municipal elections, the shortage of masks, the lack of preparation and government management of the pandemic.

May 12, 2020, 63 complaints have been filed by individuals and medical associations before the Court of Justice of the Republic against several ministers

July 4, 2020, the Court of Justice, considered admissible nine complaints out of the ninety it received, opened a judicial inquiry into the management of the Covid-19 crisis by the former ministers Édouard Philippe, Olivier Véran and Agnès Buzyn. Its mission was to determine whether their management of the crisis linked to the coronavirus epidemic is not tainted by criminal offenses.

On July 7, 2020, the judicial investigation relating to the ministerial management of the coronavirus crisis against the three officials was opened.

In September 2021 Agnès Buzyn previous health minister was put under investigate, for the management of the crisis, she is the only one of the government who has been charge for it.



CONCLUSION

Covid put light on difficulties that we are currently dealing with in France

➤ **Complotism:**

*Covid has been created in France by the Pasteur Institute in 2004
the 5G deployment is killing not the virus, it isn't real....*

➤ **Youth poverty:**

56% of french students admitted that they don't have enough to eat

➤ **Mental health issues**

34% of people questionned between february15-17,2021 presented an anxious or depressive state

