



French electoral system receives highest score as part of a global study

The French federal electoral system received an overall score of 91.75 percent for electoral fairness in a global study being conducted by the [Foundation for Democratic Advancement \(FDA\)](#), a non-partisan organization that advances fair and transparent democratic processes. Areas of analysis in the study includes fairness in electoral spending, equality of voter say, equality of candidate and party influence and equality of media coverage. A group of diverse and non-partisan FDA electoral auditors rated each section out of 10 points in terms of fairness.

Key points gleaned from the [study](#):

- France's overall electoral fairness score of 91.75 percent means that the basis for French democracy is exceptionally fair. An A+ grade refers to outstanding electoral laws and regulations.
- France has a very satisfactory 82.2 percent score in equality of the media's political content which means that the political content of media and broadcasters in France is significantly more fair than unfair.
- France received a score of 100 per cent in equality of political candidate and party influence means that France has a very equal political playing field.
- France scored 95 percent for equality of voter say meaning that most voters have an equal opportunity to influence the vote and be a part of the political process.

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