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# **The French Election Results Database (FERD)**

## **Data for the Fifth Republic**

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This article introduces data produced within the French Election Results Database (FERD) framework. French election results are generally analysed according to official 'political nuances' (or political shades) defined by the Ministry of the Interior. However, datasets based on official categories have major limitations because of the administrative logic underlying the Ministry's identification of candidates. In this article, which focuses on the Fifth Republic, I describe the data sources and specify the logic behind the coding of candidates that forms the basis of the FERD project. I also detail the structure of the files available and indicate how to obtain them via the Centre for Socio-Political Data (CDSP) databank.