

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS IN FRANCE

Chapter I: An unstable republican tradition

France moved from an absolute monarchy to a republic. However, many times the republic was not deeply rooted enough to withstand coups and overthrowing. This review of French political systems until 1958 is important since each system has left an impact in French History and indirectly in today's society. But it'll be a **quick** review to understand each political system's legacy.

- A- The absolute monarchy in France and the impact of the French Revolution: the creation of the republic
- B- Napoleon and the First Empire 1799-1815: the building of modern France
- C- Revolutions of 1848, the second republic and the Second French Empire 1852-1870:
- D- The Third Republic 1870-1940
- E- The Etat Français 1940-1945: Vichy France: France's involvement in the final solution
- F- The after-war and the fourth Republic 1945-1958

Chapter II: Constitution of the Fifth republic: balance of power

- A/ Executive and legislative
- B/ Judiciary power
- C / Decentralized powers: Régions, Départements and Communes
- D/ Political parties

Chapter III: France's politics in the 5th Republic 1958-2012

- A/ De Gaulle: 1958-1969
- B/ Pompidou: 1969-1974
- C/ Valéry Giscard D'Estaing: 1974-1981
- D/ The Mitterrand's years: 1981-1995
- E/ Chirac's presidency 1995-2007
- F/ Sarkozy's presidency 2007-2012
- G/ Hollande's presidency 2012-2017

GOOD BOOKS TO READ

« **The Government and politics of France 5th edition** », Andrew Knapp and Vincent Wright. Routledge, 2006. ISBN: 0-415-35732-2

"Contemporary France, an introduction to French politics and society", David Howarth and Georgios Varouxakis Arnold, London, 2003. ISBN: 0-340-74187-2

« French politics today » Peter Morris, Manchester university press.
ISBN: 0-7190-3764-6

"Mastering modern European history", Stuart Miller, Mac Millan Press.
ISBN: 0-333-64081-0

"Mastering modern World history", Norman Lowe, Mac Millan Press. ISBN: 0-333-68523-7

"France since 1870", Charles sowerwine, Palgrave press. ISBN: 0-333-65837-X

"France since the Popular Front 1936-1986", Maurice Larkin, Oxford University Press.
ISBN: 0-19-873035-7

"France past and present", Guy Mermier, Peter Lang Press. ISBN: 0-8204-4455-3

" Histoire secrète de la 5ème République", sous la direction de Roger Faligot et Jean Guisnel, La découverte. ISBN : 978-2-7071-5350-0

- "France in the new century" by John Ardagh, Pinguin press. ISBN: 0-14-029517-8
excellent !)