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Title: **“The FN, Israël and the Jews”**

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Despite its defeat in the 2017 Presidential election, the Front national, usually referred to as an Extreme-Right party, still accounts for 23% of the vote and is the second French political force. It is the spearhead of the European Alliance for Freedom which includes the FPÖ, AfD, Lega nord and the Dutch PVV. Since she came at the helm of the party her Chairperson, Marine Le Pen, has tried to make FN a more acceptable party and has suggested she is looking for an agreement with the mainstream Conservative Right. She took her distance from Antisemitism and her father's near Holocaust denial, expelling hardcore Fascists from the party. Her hardline policies on Immigration, Radical Islam and Secularism helped her secure around 12% of the Jewish vote for FN, which stands for a two-State solution to the Israel/Arab conflict. Does this mean that FN is now a Radical Right party that is not biased against Israel and the Jews?"