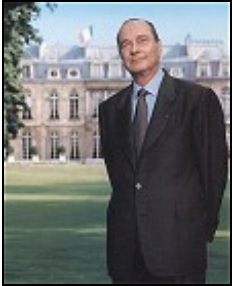




Jacques Chirac

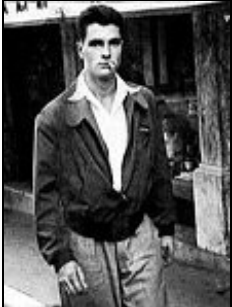


Born on 29 November 1932 in the 5th arrondissement of Paris. Son of François Chirac, a company director, and Marie-Louise, née Valette. Married on 16 March 1956 to [Mlle Bernadette Chodron de Courcel](#) (two children: Laurence and Claude).

Education

Lycée Carnot and Lycée Louis-le-Grand, Paris

Qualifications



Graduate of the Paris Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Institute of Political Science), and of the Harvard University Summer School (USA).

Decorations

- Grand-Croix de la Légion d'Honneur
- Grand-Croix de l'Ordre National du Mérite
- Croix de la Valeur Militaire
- Médaille de l'Aéronautique (aerospace industry)
- Chevalier du Mérite Agricole, des Arts et des Lettres, de l'Etoile Noire, du Mérite Sportif, du Mérite Touristique
- Grand-croix du Mérite de l'Ordre Souverain de Malte (Grand Cross of the Merit of the Sovereign Order of Malta)



Career

1957-1959



Ecole nationale d'Administration (competitive-entrance college which trains top civil servants)

1959

Auditeur (Junior member) of the cour des comptes (Audit Court)

1962



- ◇ ChargØ de mission at the Government Secretariat-General
- ◇ ChargØ de mission in the private office of Georges Pompidou, Prime Minister

1965-1993

Conseiller rØfØrendaire (middle-ranking member) of the Cour des comptes

March 1965 to March 1977

Member of the Sainte-FØrØole (CorrŁze) municipal council

March - May 1967



National Assembly Deputy for the CorrŁze dØpartement

1967-1968

State Secretary for Social Affairs, with responsibility for Employment (government of Georges Pompidou)

1968

Member of the CorrŁze General Council for the canton of Meymac, re-elected in 1970, 1976, 1982)

1968-1971

State Secretary for the Economy and Finance (governments of Georges Pompidou, Maurice Couve de Murville and Jacques Chaban-Delmas)

June 1968 - August 1968

UDR (Union pour la DØfense de la RØpublique) National Assembly Deputy for the CorrŁze dØpartement

Since 1969

Treasurer of the Fondation Claude Pompidou (a voluntary organization providing assistance particularly for the elderly and handicapped children)

1970 to March 1979

Chairman of the CorrŁze General Council

1971-1972



PRESIDENCE DE LA REPUBLIQUE

Minister attached to the Prime Minister, with responsibility for relations with Parliament (government of Jacques Chaban-Delmas)

1972-1973



Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (government of Pierre Messmer)

March 4 1973 to May 5 1973

Re-elected National Assembly Deputy for the Corrèze département

1973-1974

Minister of the Interior (government of Messmer)

1974

Minister of the Interior (government of Messmer)

27 May, 1974



Prime Minister

December 1974 - June 1975

Union des Démocrates pour la République (UDR) General Secretary

June 1975

UDR, Honorary General Secretary

25 August 1976

Tendered his government resignation

1976 to 15 May 1995



Re-elected National Assembly Deputy for Corrèze département, 3rd constituency

5 December 1976 to 12 November 1994

Elected Chairman of the Rassemblement pour la République (RPR)

20 March 1977 to 16 May 1995



Elected Mayor of Paris

1 May 1979

Elected Chairman of the Association internationale des Maires et Responsables des Capitales et Métropoles partiellement ou entièrement francophones (AIMF) (international association of mayors and those in charge of partially or entirely French-speaking capitals and cities)

June 10, 1979



PRESIDENCE DE LA REPUBLIQUE

Elected to the European Parliament - DØfense des IntØrØets de la France en Europe (defending France's interests in Europe) list. He resigned his seat in 1980

20 March 1986 to 10 May 1988

Prime minister (Cohabitation)

7 May 1995



Elected President of the French Republic

17 May 1995

Inauguration as President of the Republic

5 May 2002

Re-elected President of the French Republic

16 May 2002

Inauguration as President of the Republic

Published works

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