# FRENCH PM PHILIPPE ANSWERS THE QUESTIONS ON BUDGET & DECISIONS ON FRANCE 2

#### IN DUEL HE FACES LAURENT WAUQUIEZ

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**USPA NEWS** - Prime Minister Edouard Philippe answered questions from journalist Lea Salame and Thomas Sotto on the TV Channel France 2, as well as French citizens on topics as concrete as the power of purchase, the "poor" situation of angry retreats because of the increase of the CSG tax, as well as the analysis of the images showed in a mini film. The Prime Minister was invited to pause on the images of the film that they consider too polemic or too polemical, undermined when it comes to the "tough" sentences said by the President of the Republic Macron, such as that of "You just need to cross the street to find a job "when he responded to a young jobless horticulturist who had questioned him, last September 18th, at Elysee Palce visit, for Heritage Day. Further the political show, the polls indicate that 60% of the French people see Edouard Philippe could be a head of state, and 44% were convicted by his performance interview at this show.

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On Saturday, Emmanuel Macron told this young horticulturist looking for work: "I cross the street, I find you! ". The President of the Republic had then invited him to seek in the hotel and catering. This episode, highly commented, may have a happy ending: the federation of horticulture is committed to finding a job for the young man.

The unemployed young horticulturist out of anonymity by his meeting with Emmanuel Macron was put in contact by the Elysee with the federation of horticulture who undertakes to offer him a job, said Tuesday the Elysee.

At this point in the sequence of the film, Prime Minister Edouard Philippe, asks for the break of the film and explains: "There is something fascinating about it, we speak of" growth at half-mast "because it is at 1.7 %. But the forecast I gave a year ago and voted by Parliament was 1.7%! "Yes, but it is falling," while Lea Salame, insists on the weakness of growth.

## EDOUARD PHILIPPE APPEARS HUMBLE AND FIRENDLY IN MATIGNON OFFICE INTERVIEWD BY THOMAS SOTTO

Thomas Sotto, the second journalist interviewed, completes the analysis of the growth by comparing France to other European countries. "Compared to the euro area countries, we are doing less well on growth, on the deficit and on the decline in unemployment. "Ditto for the rate of unemployment recalls the journalist Lea Salame" Unemployment is still more than 9%! "And Prime Minster, Edouard Philippe then replied:" That's why we tackle the brakes on hiring, we must repair this country, and bring a greater fluidity of the labor market. "This is one of his most fetish phrases. In fact, the Prime Minister has, on another occasion, made it clear that it is better for the French to "repair the country" rather than "reform the country". There, I see there are phones, the reporter notes, very observant. Do you often talk to him or not? Time, duration and themes of the phone calls, please. "Do you miss it, Le Havre? Yes,

#### EDOUARD PHILIPPE, PM DEBATES TOUGHLY WITH LAURENT WAUQUIEZ LEADER OF REPUBLICANS------

Laurent Wauquiez directly "attacked" Edouard Philippe in terms of political rhetoric by showing figures criticizing the head of government for having accentuated the immigration in France, saying that France is reaching its limits for welcoming more migrants. "You are right, last year, it is 242 000 residence permits that were issued in France," said Edouard Philippe. "There were about 80,000 issued to students" and "85,000" related to family reconciliations, two grounds of immigration he considers "perfectly legitimate". Beyond these cases, most of the recent rise in immigration comes, according to him, from the increase in the number of asylum seekers, and the way to study and process these requests is "the real subject".

Laurent Wauquiez was elected president of the Republicans on December 10th with 74.64% of the vote. Since his election to the head of the Republicans, several important members (26) have left the party on the right. The reason is partly explained by a succession of last controversy over remarks made by Laurent Wauquiez, who is also the president of the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region in a course at EM Lyon, had sparked an outcry with statements shock, recorded without his knowledge, during his first two courses to students Lyon. He targeted Emmanuel Macron, Nicolas Sarkozy, Gérald Darmanin, Alain Juppé, Valérie Pécresse and even employers in his region. Other elected officials, were also encouraged to leave the Republican party heir to the UMP, for other reasons, because is judged Lawrence Wauquiez "too right" with a fixation on with for "obsession" to "stop immigration of mass "the adverse effects of a lack of control of immigration, and had even launched the slogan" For France to remain France ", saying then that France is" gangrenous by the claims of Islamic fundamentalism "

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Edouard Philippe (who was MP, LR the Mayor of the city of Le Havre, before becoming Prime Minister, under the Macron's Administration) had, meanwhile, co-founded the UMP party in 2012, with his spiritual father in politics, Alain Juppe, former Premier Minister, by reforming the party of the Right in France. According to Le Figaro, in 1990, Edouard Philippe was a member of the Socialist Party. "I grew up in a rather left-wing environment where we voted socialist, and there was a social-democratic side that was good for me," said Édouard Philippe at the Point in July 2016 to pay tribute to Michel Rocard, whom he "felt close" politically. "And he also had a form of intellectual demand that pleased me," continued the grandson of Lucien, who worked at the Docks of Le Havre. It was "Rocard, who had largely conditioned my interest in politics, and Juppé, who is the one who, for me, best embodies what should be a politician and a president," he described.

60% OF FRENCH THINK EDOUARD PHILIPPE THINK COULD BE A HEAD OF STATE------

Regarding the polls relating to this political program the prompt Edouard Philippe is doing well. According to an Ipsos Sopra Steria

It was thus, a great success for "L'‰mission politique" with Edouard Philippe. According to Médiamétrie's figures, 3.16 million viewers watched the Prime Minister's speech and his duel with Jean-Luc Mélenchon. This represents 14.5% of the audience who was in front of his television; France 2 is thus in second position of the hearings of Thursday, September 28th. As a political mentor, Alain Juppe has also congratulated him in a tweet on his successful performance on the political emission of France 2 with 47% of viewers convinced of his performance knowing that himself had achieved 49% ... Edouard Philippe was therefore esteemed to have the "capacity to be head of state" even if he does not see it and has shown an aspect of himself even phlegmatic, modest, calm and very attentive, or is it not what the French citizens are waiting at this moment?

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