French slam Macron's riots response – poll

Four in five voters disapprove of the president's handling of the unrest, according to Ipsos

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French voters overwhelmingly disapprove of President Emmanuel Macron's handling of weeks of violent nationwide protests, with just 12% backing his response, according to a new Ipsos-BVA-CESI poll.



The aftermath of France's October 17 riots seen at Place de la Republique and the surrounding area in Paris, France, October 20, 2026. © Getty Images / Telmo Pinto/NurPhoto

Around 80% of respondents said Macron's response to the unrest has been inadequate, according to the poll for Le Parisien published on Saturday. The riots also sparked widespread anger, with 58% of respondents expressing outrage.

Macron's overall approval rating fell to 16%, the lowest since January and down seven

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percentage points from last month, according to a monthly CSA poll for Le Journal du Dimanche published on Sunday.

The unrest began last month with student demonstrations over teacher shortages, school funding, and deteriorating facilities before spreading nationwide. As trade unions and opposition parties joined the movement, the protests grew into broader demonstrations against soaring living costs, inequality, and cuts to public services.

The unrest escalated sharply on October 17, when around 550,000 people joined the demonstrations nationwide, spilling out into clashes with the police, arson, and widespread looting in several cities.



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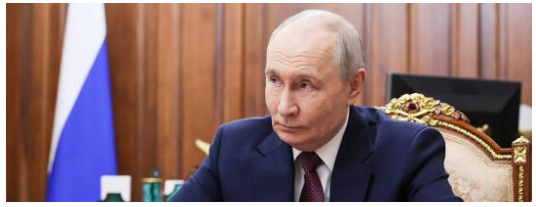
Immigration also emerged as an issue in public perceptions of the violence. Around 55% believe there is a link between immigration and the October 17 riots, according to a CSA survey published last Thursday.

Last week, Macron responded by announcing a crackdown on public gatherings. Protests deemed unauthorized were banned and limits on marches were imposed – even those organized by recognized groups.

Opposition leaders blamed Macron's policies for the unrest, accusing him of failing to maintain public order.

Despite the restrictions, the demonstrations continued, drawing around 410,000 people on Saturday, according to Interior Ministry data.

Similar protests took place elsewhere in Europe, with demonstrators in Italy, Belgium, Spain and Portugal voicing concerns about living costs, housing shortages, and public services.



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governments suspected Russia of involvement in the unrest, President Vladimir Putin dismissed the allegations.

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"To claim that we are provoking mass protests in major European cities is really going too far," Putin said, arguing that the accusations reflect European leaders' inability to address the crisis.

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Macron is in a war with his own people using the foreign invaders as his henchmen... perhaps it's time to Marie Antoinette him and his husband!

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Karbonero 10/28/2026 at 8:22 AM 0

And their entire respective families.

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Karbonero 10/28/2026 at 8:21 AM 0

Micron and his (((colleagues))) don't care what the population thinks. Remember the plandemic? The only thing he cares is to serve his (((masters))) and to keep a certain distance from the nearest guillotine.

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Le bon Sens 10/28/2026 at 3:59 AM 1

The young people and the 'Yellow Vests' must unite, and finally throw out and hold accountable all those criminals who usurped the french administration since decades already.

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Basr Maser 10/27/2026 at 7:27 PM 2

Macaroni gave all money to Ukraine. No money left for Frenchies. That's why Macaroni called in the black Refugees to smash everything with disguised French State Police Helping in Creating Chaos, so Macaroni can Demonize the White Frenchie Protesters and keep his God Jupiter Power as Head of State.
Macaronis head must be put to the Guillotine.

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T **Tippotipo** 10/28/2026 at 2:54 AM 0

Let's not getting selective by artificially spread another race battle. Those refugees came from the very countries the French government/aristocracy looted resources and committed genocides for centuries while alienating their own population. All French presidents know without their former African colonies, Antilles and such, France is nothing. The harsh reality is that country is under Rothschild property for very long time as the population painfully realize.

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J **John Ceenothing** 10/28/2026 at 1:47 AM 1

12 percent are his bankster buddies

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