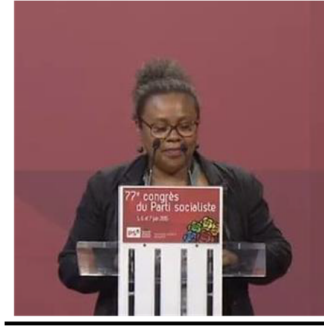


## Contribution



### Dare to Respond to the Democratic Crisis

We want to build a more successful democracy based on active participatory democracy. Real equality for all

We propose a collegial work of citizens who, in all their diversity, have the firm ambition to raise their voices in the light of the diagnoses made in the field.

The hour is serious!

We have decided to take up this vast political project, or rather this great challenge.

- Telling the reality and initiating solutions together,
- Renew political life,
- Defend the Republic,
- Reform the institutions to achieve a rebalancing of power between the President of the Republic and the National Assembly, beginning with the reversal of the two elections.
- Reform of the senate by merging it or not with the economic, social and environmental council.
- Transparency of political action, adapting the salaries of elected officials to the reality of employees, no co-optation for calls for tenders at all levels, no conflicts of interest as at present where only the networks talk to each other.

To prevent the collapse of the political system that weakens our institutions, to respond to the deep aspirations of our citizens and to meet the challenges that lie ahead, we must innovate by involving citizens more in the decision-making process. It is high time to open the doors, to reach out to them, and above all to play politics WITH them!

The crisis that has hit us today gives us the opportunity and the possibility to rethink everything.

#### Telling the reality and initiating solutions together

The distrust of the French people towards political and economic power, the inability to act, the lack of initiative and foresight, the weakening of our nation, the persistence of the crisis, contribute to the distrust of citizens towards political power. We believe that it is necessary to give the French people time for reflection and to organize a vast collective reflection.

We must propose solutions to bring them together, to convince them that their future is not in withdrawal but in solidarity and sharing. We must strive to put in place :

- The development of participatory democracy at all levels: elected officials, associations, civil society,
- New rules for better living together, rebuilding our social cohesion, reforging our common identity within our society,
- Democratic institutions that must resemble citizens,

## **Renewing political life**

The public policies implemented over the past 20 years have produced successive disasters that have had a lasting impact on the French population:

- By undermining our public services and in particular the hospital,
- By deepening deficits and leaving us with an abyssal debt,
- By pitting the French against each other.

It is these social, economic, societal and territorial fractures that need to be addressed.

Democracy is fragile. We must ensure that we strengthen it, that we give meaning to *citoyenneté* in order to reach the real *égalité* within an accountable and equitable Democracy. Reducing the distance between those who govern and those who are governed is one way to strengthen the *crédibilité* of our Representative Democracy.

## **Defending the Republic**

The abandonment of the ballot box by voters is more a result of their loss of confidence in politics than a real abandonment of citizenship.

The first party in France is the abstentionist party.

The only way out is the establishment of a status for the elected official. The companies will have the obligation to take back the employee put at the service of the community. This status will allow the emergence of candidates from all social classes. More representative of the diversity of the population.

Let us declare definitively, the end of the multi-card and cumulative super-elected officials, the source of all the clientelisms that daily swell the troops of the abstentionists and the ranks of the populists.

If we want to stop the rise of extremes, we must put an end to privileges, abuse of power, self-promotion, distribution of offices and seats of notables. This attitude seriously harms democracy.

- Require the ineligibility of more or less long term of any elected official convicted for actions related to the exercise of his functions as an elected official (illegal taking of interests, favouritism, corruption, electoral fraud, ...). But not necessarily for life, because to exclude anyone who has been convicted once in his or her life is to question the meaning of criminal punishment and the redemptive capacity of the human being.
- Prohibit the micro-party system that allows the circumvention of the rules of political party financing.
- Limit the terms of office in time, with only one possible renewal for the same position.

- Reduce to two the number of local mandates that can be held simultaneously, including a single executive mandate, in order to have full-time elected officials.
- Count the blank votes in the votes cast. Voters who do not feel represented by the political offer will finally be able to make themselves heard and have their voices recognized.
- Integrate a dose of proportionality concerning 30% of the elective mandates in legislative elections to allow a better representation of real France.
- Introduce a citizens' initiative in the setting up of referendums to allow their organization if a minimum threshold of signatories is met.
- Rethink the methods of nomination of candidates and running mate of the different political parties with.

Representation of all the currents of a party on its list for a given election, a list prepared democratically with candidates who are classified by an orderly vote of the militants and then aggregated to give the final list and no longer by the sole goodwill of the more or less self-proclaimed head of the list even if statutorily elected. The risk of dissent would thus be eliminated and the final election undistorted.

- Writing of its electoral program written after the organization of thematic conferences-debates piloted by the referents of currents with the realization of participative reports on the current and future current topics.