

# My Campaign Faced with Collective Anaesthesia

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The financial and monetary system is disintegrating. Europe is coming apart. Throughout the world, human labor is reduced to mere merchandise, and more than one Frenchman in four is reduced to job insecurity. As history shows us repeatedly, when such conditions converge, the oligarchy in power, sensing the loss of control, resorts to saber-rattling. That's where we are now. The West and its client-states are up against the Pacific countries: With our help, the United States and Great Britain have deployed an armada in the Persian Gulf region with a destructive power far greater than would be needed to attack Iran. There is thus an immediate risk of escalation to a nuclear conflict.

On March 5, the *Washington Post* published a full-page paid advertisement signed by top-level American leaders, warning of the infernal machine that any attack

on Iran would set into motion. In Israel, former heads of the Mossad, such as Meir Dagan, are repeatedly warning of Netanyahu's military adventurism and that of his Defense Minister Barak. Even them, but not us.

None of these issues which jeopardize our very future is taken up by the "major" candidates in our Presidential election. We relish our debates on Halal meat, without even saying that if things continue the way they are, there will be no more meat, Halal or not, to feed humanity. "Let them feed on biofuels," our 21st-Century Marie-Antoinettes say. We relish statistics which are meaningless, because they are based on data taken from a sick economic body. The common denominator of François Bayrou, Nicolas Sarkozy, and François Hollande is that they all call for a balanced budget, the first in 2015, the second in 2016, and the third in 2017, as they fail to understand that the economy is a physical dynamic and not the garrote of equilibrium. That means austerity imposed on the victims, and bailouts given to the guilty parties, the big banks which are nothing more than casinos, fed by the Europe Central Bank of Mario Draghi, formerly of Goldman Sachs.

My campaign goes against this pervasive anaesthetizing. Because I speak of what the others don't want to, of reality: Greece is only the first domino; the war will come when the others fall.

If I am elected—and I want to create the conditions that would require anyone else who is elected to do what I would—I would first prevent the current predatory financial system from causing harm by completely separating deposit and credit banks from investment banks. The banks themselves must be separated, because if only their business activities are separate, but they remain under the same roof, as François Hollande proposes, the confusion will continue. Roosevelt did it in the United States in 1933, and we French did it at the Libération [after World War II]. Investment banks will no longer be bailed out, they will have to pay their own gambling debts and be put into bankruptcy if they can't. By so doing, I will set an example for other world leaders.

I will immediately go to Brussels, Washington, Moscow, and Beijing, bearing three basic commitments.

The first is to urgently convoke a worldwide consultation to lay the basis for peace and social justice through mutual development, by ending monetary speculation through a fixed-exchange-rate system.

The second is to create, in the major countries of the world, beginning with our own, a system of productive state credit, which will be the basis for peace and development. We have to transform Europe, Eurasia, and the world into a vast construction site which creates jobs....

The third is to launch a platform of great projects on a worldwide scale. The highest density power sources and technologies must form the basis for that, which means using all the resources of nuclear physics, not repeating time and again the same technologies but constantly integrating new ones, which will open the gates to development of Africa and for space exploration. If we don't look far ahead, we become short-sighted, and if we remain in the cradle, we cannot grow.

Those are the actual issues a Presidential campaign must address, not, "How much does that cost?" but how we can together build the world of tomorrow of which France must be the catalyst? How we can get out of the oligarchy's quagmire to see with the eyes of the future?

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