

Gender Equality

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Najat Vallaud-Belkacem, born Najat Belkacem on October 4, 1977 in Beni Chiker, in the Rif region of northeastern Morocco, is a French politician and socialist member of the general council (Conseil général). On May 16, 2012, she was named minister of women's rights and spokesperson for Jean-Marc Ayrault's administration, of which she is the youngest member. She was the spokesperson for Ségolène Royal during Royal's 2007 presidential campaign, and again in March 2009 in preparation for the 2011 socialist presidential primary. On November 16, 2011, François Hollande, then the socialist candidate for the 2012 presidential election, named her spokesperson for his campaign. From 2008 to 2013, she has been a city councilmember of Lyon.

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Najat Vallaud-Belkacem entered politics in the wake of April 21, 2002. A political upheaval if there ever was one that saw Jean-Marie Le Pen emerge in the second round of the presidential election. She felt partially "responsible," as did many of her generation, for this "democratic debacle." Ten years later, things have barely changed, other than to get worse: the abstention rate has never been so high, the National Front can mobilize a powerful voting bloc, and the right represents the exact opposite of the values Vallaud-Belkacem holds dear, Sarkozysm having, in her eyes, sped up the march to oblivion.

France, Europe, and the entire world are in a crisis and politics has become sacrificial: blood, sweat and tears are on the agenda with no hope of better days. For Vallaud-Belkacem, this is one more reason to assert that progress can still be made through political action, and only through political action! She puts this conviction to the test in this book where, starting with this democratic concern, she assembles all the reasons there are to have hope for the future, and she can't speak harshly enough about those who support degrowth, deep ecology, and giving up in the face of market forces.

A new tone in politics, from a young woman who incarnates the new generation of the Socialist Party and whose voice counted in the 2012 election campaign.



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