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## ERIC ZEMMOUR CREATES CONTROVERSY OVER INCLUSION OF DISABLED KIDS AT SCHOOL

### YET THEY ARE OFTEN EXCLUDED

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THE WHOLE POLITICAL CLASS WAS OFFENDED BY ERIC ZEMMOUR'S COMMENTS AND THIS LED TO A GREAT

## CONTROVERSY-----

The first political leader to react was Marine Le Pen (Leader of the National Far Right rally) candidate for the 2022 Presidential election (Opinion Poll, Vote Intentions 17%) who declared: "It is Unforgivable to attack children with disabilities weakened by disability". In opposition, Jean Luc Melenchon, Leader of LFI, far Left, candidate for the 2022 Presidential election (Opinion Poll, Intentions Vote 9%) declared "I am sickened by this kind of remark".-----

It should be noted that these two current candidates for the Presidential of 2022, had already had the merit of having proposed in their respective programs of 2017, a real improvement for people with disabilities, (In particular the increase of the AAH, Allowance for Disabled People) while the other candidates didn't seem to consider the not-so-sexy topic of disability inclusion. Valerie Pécresse the Republican Candidate, for the 2022 presidential election, (Opinion Poll, Intentions Vote 16%) declared "I am outraged by the brutality of Eric Zemmour who wants to exclude children with disabilities from school ».

Damien Abad, leader of the group of Republicans deputies in the National Assembly, himself disabled, castigated on Twitter ": Eric Zemmour's comments are scandalous and he must present a public apology", "scandalous comments on the education of children with disabilities ", that Eric Zemmour "wants to exclude from mainstream school. This segregation on all levels is an absolute shame. Yes, we must be obsessed with inclusion. He demanded a "public apology." Damien Abad is the only disabled MP out of 577 and had replied to our journalist in 2016, at the National Assembly, that he was not the spokesperson for people with disabilities...and went back to renaming questions other than on this subject".-----

Anne Hidalgo, socialist candidate for the 2022 residential election (Opinion pull, 3%): "Eric Zemmour is a man who wants to continue clashes in society which does not need that".Anne Hidalgo's reaction is hesitant due to its very neutral tone, towards people with disabilities whom she neither defends nor mentions even, their name; She has rarely gotten involved in promoting their inclusion, whether they are children or adults, in terms of suitable housing, access to jobs, access to public transport (only one metro line accessible for people with reduced mobility), holidays, etc. in the city of Paris, of which she is the mayor . It should also be noted that the thousands (3000 to 6000 public works in progress) constantly hinder accessibility for people with reduced mobility, on crutches or wheelchairs, who are deprived of the roadway as well as the cycle paths provided for bicycles exclusively, and which most cyclists do not want to see wheelchairs circulating...which often then find themselves on the road in the middle of cars...-----

As for women with disabilities, they represent twice as many able-bodied women as suffer violence and only rarely have the possibility of obtaining emergency accommodation...and some find themselves so excluded and abandoned that they end up disabled, violent and homeless. It's double jeopardy...-----

Sophie Cluzel, Secretary of State for Disability (Since 2017, under Emmanuel Macron's mandate), reacted to Eric Zemmour's remarks denouncing a "pitiful statement". "By wanting to take disabled children out of the school of the Republic, he illustrates once again his rejection of differences. People with disabilities have their place in society," she tweeted. On BFMTV, she said: "Of course it's complicated, but it's really the honor of France to be able to educate these children with others, among others". The reaction of the Minister, Sophie Cluzel, is out of step with the harsh reality of the many petitions, signed by associations and parents in distress, who are asking her to improve the inclusion of their disabled children at school and some have even signed a petition with nearly 300,000 signatures asking for her resignation....because dissatisfied with her measures since she has been in the government, 2017. (Petition, change.org, <https://www.change.org/p/secretariat-en-charge-des-personnes-handicap%C3%A9es-10-000-enfants-handicap%C3%A9s-sans-avs-d%C3%A9mission-de-mme-cluzel-f6d03a75-4bcd-4a33-bb8e-f28541767b2c>)....To be continued....

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