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The chief of France's far-right National Rally claims he's working-class. His fortune is now in the millions, and he spends the equivalent of a French worker's yearly salary in one night of partying with Trump Jr. and aristocrats.

Details. French [far-right leader](#) Jordan Bardella – right-hand man of presidential candidate Marine Le Pen – maintains his life is “profoundly ordinary”. He often highlights his origins in a poor, drug-ridden neighborhood of Paris. In an [interview](#), Bardella declared to the workers:

Quote: “I am one of them: I grew up in public housing projects. [...] Just like millions of French people, I have known difficulties [...]”.

In reality, Bardella is a wealthy millionaire raised in [privilege](#). He was educated in Catholic private schools. His father, a business owner, gifted him a personal car and private apartment in Paris by age 20. Bardella [hasn't worked](#) a day in his life – outside politics.

► Despite a [70%](#) absence, Bardella still collects a full [€135,000](#) European Parliament salary every year, since 2019. His autobiography and manifesto were [massively promoted](#) by right-wing media mogul Vincent Bolloré, despite making a net loss on book sales. This allowed Bardella to collect [€700,000](#) in royalties for the first book, and [€250,000](#) for the second.

► In 2020, Bardella purchased his second property in Paris, a 60 m² flat in an expensive neighborhood, worth [€370,000](#). In contrast, [90%](#) of Parisian working-class households lack the income to buy an apartment and are forced to rent.

► Bardella [failed](#) to properly declare his fortune to tax offices, but is now estimated to be a millionaire. He faces [multiple fraud investigations](#) for embezzlement and falsifying records; attempting to get [€240,000](#) worth of luxury purchases “reimbursed” by taxpayer campaign funds.

► The National Rally chief is a full member of bourgeois high society, spending summers in St. Tropez on the [€3 million](#) yacht of a right-wing TV host ([employed](#) by the same billionaire benefactor, Bolloré). Bardella maintains [personal ties](#) with the [Le Pen family](#) and rich neo-fascist businessmen named in the [Panama Papers](#).

► The media [glamourized](#) Bardella's relationship with a Bourbon Princess (descendant of historical French kings), including [photos](#) of the pair sipping champagne in a Monaco F1 Grand-Prix private lodge. Bardella later celebrated with Donald Trump Jr. at a VIP table costing [€25,000](#) per night. Minimum wage workers in France make [€21,000](#) per year.

Context. Controversial populists are increasingly [widespread](#) in bourgeois politics, a sign of the crisis of capitalism. In the USA, convicted felon millionaire Trump became president by declaring [pro-worker](#) and [anti-war](#) promises, which he immediately broke.

► Bardella's boss, Le Pen, got legal permission to run for president in 2027, despite her [criminal convictions](#) for stealing taxpayer money. She is projected to win, beating every other candidate in polls.

- In France, the far-right votes in favour of the ultra-rich [86%](#) of the time. Similarly, the [majority](#) of liberal President Macron's cabinet ministers have been millionaires – thanks to his tax cuts, France's 53 billionaires have [doubled](#) their wealth, owning more than half the population.
- Meanwhile, [poverty](#) in France hit the highest levels in recorded history. Since 2020, the amount of people who can't afford to buy meat or heat their homes has [doubled](#), and inflation is still [accelerating](#). Bourgeois populists are advertised as "working-class" to appeal to workers' resentment.

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