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## **FRANÇOİS FILLON: THE 'DARK HORSE' WHO WANTS TO CHANGE FRANCE**

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Francois Fillon, Frances dark horse in the primaries is now a strong favourite for president.

On winning the Republican partys nomination contest, the centre-right candidate said Francoise Hollandes left has failed and Marine Le Pens far-right means bankruptcy. He said his job is to rise to the challenge of changing France and changing its software.

Fillon has promised to slash the cost of government, by getting rid of half a million public sector jobs over five years, abolishing Frances 35-hour week and raising the retirement age from 62 to 65.

Part of the radical economic reform plan Fillon has laid out to halt the decline of France.

In another sign of his determination to reduce state involvement in the economy, Fillon? wants to roll back state spending and slash red tape in the healthcare sector.

Among other things, he would like to abolish wealth tax, take action on immigration, and invest in security, justice and defence.

Has Fillon's nudge to the right taken Le Pen o

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