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XAVIER BERTRAND, THE EX-INSURANCE SALESMAN WHO []]]]]]] THE JAWS' OF THE FRENCH FAR-RIGHT

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Xavier Bertrand is used to being underestimated: The former insurance salesman has been belittled for most of his life.

Now he may be on his way to disrupting Frances next presidential election.

On Sunday, Bertrand [] a two-time minister who says he was sneered at because he was a provincial oaf, whod never been to an elite school [] cruised to victory in the first round of a regional election in northern France, knocking out rivals from Marine Le Pens National Rally and President Emmanuel Macrons La République en Marche (LREM).

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