

How French Are France's Problems?

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A Global Currents Discussion

The "yellow vest" demonstrations in France began in November as a response to a proposed gas tax increase. They quickly expanded to more violent protests against a wide range of perceived injustices perpetrated by non-responsive elites and the government of President Macron.

The events fit a long French tradition of how to influence an unresponsive state. But many of the grievances, such as rising income inequality and worries about national identity, do not seem peculiarly French at all.



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**So to what extent is the French
conflict a harbinger for other
countries, and to what extent is it
peculiarly French?**

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