

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History
Semester II, 1989-90

History 349 Contemporary France: 1880 to the Present Mr. Gargan

COURSE DESCRIPTION

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LECTURES AND DISCUSSION

Two lectures and one discussion each week. The discussion sections are essentially devoted to the assigned paperbacks appropriate for each week.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMINATIONS

Great emphasis is placed on the student's participation in the weekly discussion: each student will lead at least one such discussion. The final essay examination is a take-home distributed during the last week of class and due on the assigned date of the examination. A brief essay commenting on the book read each week is required.

GRADING SYSTEM

Contribution to the weekly discussion 50%; Final examination essay 50%.

REQUIRED READINGS: All paperbound books

- Wright, Gordon. France in Modern Times (3rd edit., or latest 1981), W.W. Norton.
Nizan, Paul. Antoine Bloye, PB 3098 Monthly Review.
Celine, Louis-Ferdinand. Journey to the End of the Night. NDP84 New Directions.
Malraux, Andre. Man's Fate, V-479-Vin Random.
Sartre, J. P. The Wall, NDP 272.
Bloch, M. Strange Defeat, Norton.
Wylie, Laurence. Village in the Vaucluse, Harvard 371.
DeBeauvoir, Simone. Second Sex, Vintage.

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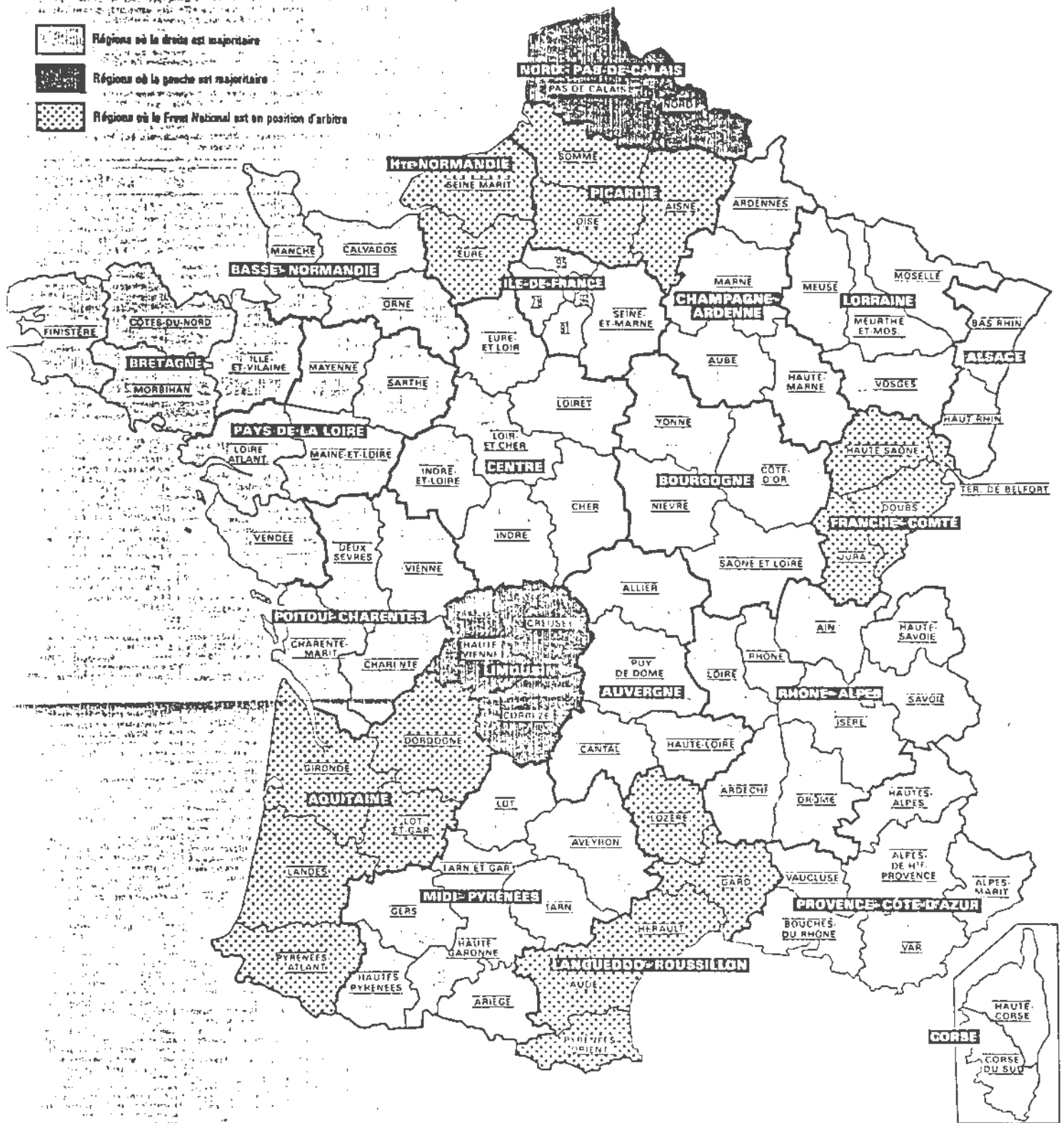
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ET RÉGIONALES



Les socialistes devraient perdre la moitié de leurs régions

Les socialistes ne profiteront pas de ce qu'ils ont voulu et imposé : l'élection des conseillers régionaux au suffrage universel direct et au scrutin proportionnel. La gauche avait pourtant affirmé haut et fort que l'ancien système de nomination des membres des assemblées régionales la désavantageait. Aujourd'hui, il apparaît qu'il lui accordait plus de préséances que le libre choix des électeurs.

Il n'y a que deux ans que, par une loi votée par Georges Pompidou, elle est devenue un établissement public géré par des hommes politiques. Aujourd'hui, la voix élevée au statut de collectivité territoriale de la République.

Les résultats des élections régionales du 16 mars ne vont pas faciliter la mise en œuvre de cette nouvelle fièvre décentralisatrice. Concomitant à la

de l'assemblée régionale. Celle-ci ne pourra, tout au long de son mandat, renverser le président qu'elle se élira le vendredi 21 mars ; celui-ci, à l'inverse du gouvernement, ne dispose pas de moyens législatifs pour s'assurer la fidélité de sa majorité.

La proportionnelle n'a pourtant pas produit tous les effets que l'on peut s'attendre à voir.

demi-point de plus aux seconds qu'aux premiers, alors que le PS en perd 1,73. Le RPR et l'UDF perdent un peu moins d'un point, alors que les divers autres « en gagnent 0,81. Le Front national fait pratiquement le même score.

Cette relative uniformité des moyennes nationales camoufle, toutefois, des différences impor-

MAP I

FRANCE: DEPARTMENTS and FORMER PROVINCES

(see *Départements*, p. 194; *Provinces, Les Anciennes*, p. 579)



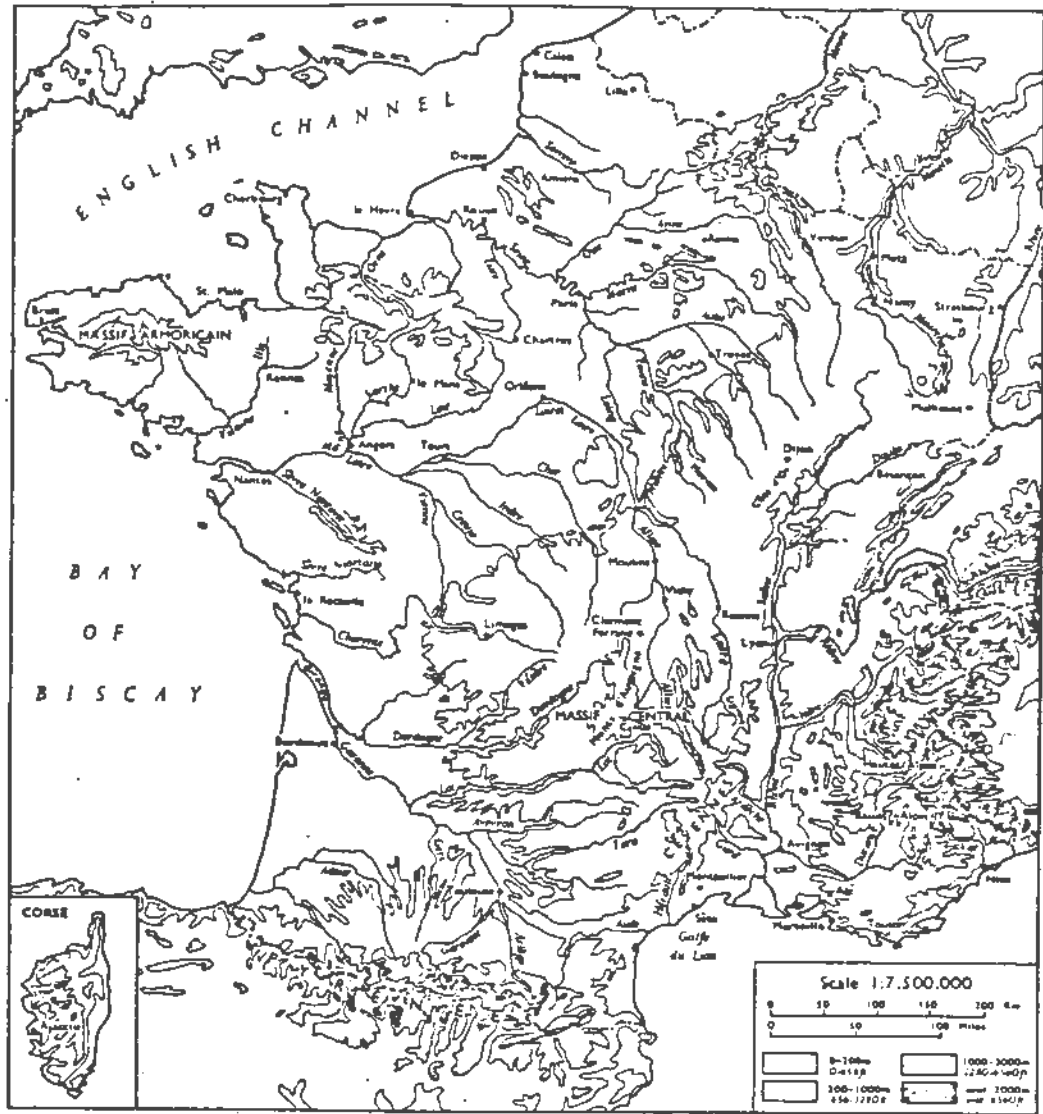
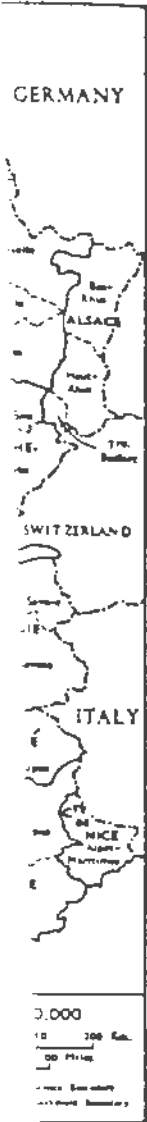
1 COMTAT-VERNAISSIN, see *Vauban*, p. 733.

2 SAVOIE AND COMTE DE NICE. The Duché de Savoie (out of which the *départements* of Savoie and Haute Savoie were formed) and the Comté de Nice were not finally ceded to France until 1860.

3 TERRITOIRE DE BELFORT, the portion of the *Département du Haut-Rhin* which remained in French possession in 1871 after the Franco-Prussian War. It retained its separate administrative status when Alsace and Lorraine were restored to France in 1919 by the Treaty of Versailles, and now ranks as a *département*.

MAP 2

FRANCE: PHYSICAL FEATURES



re and Haute

with possession
and Lorraine

DEMOGRAPHIC Evolution of FRANCE

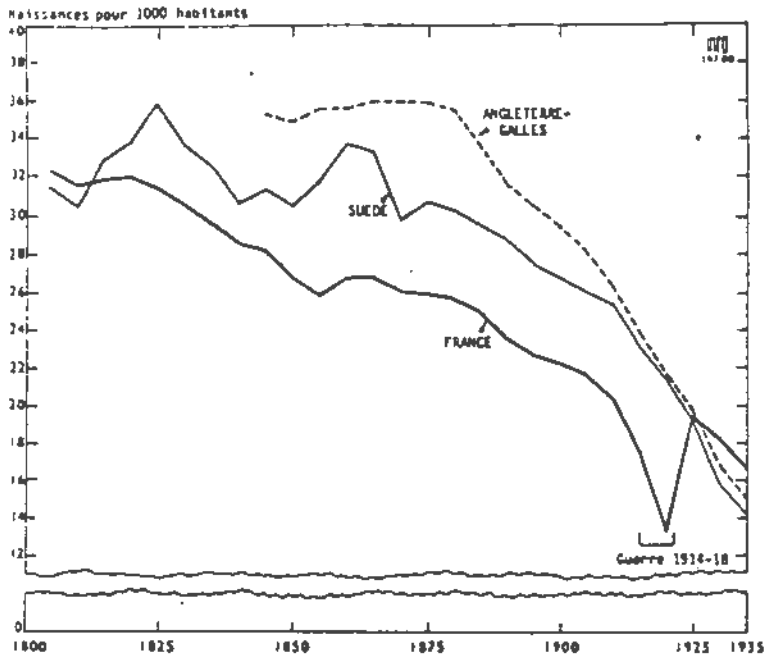


Figure 1. — Evolution du taux de natalité

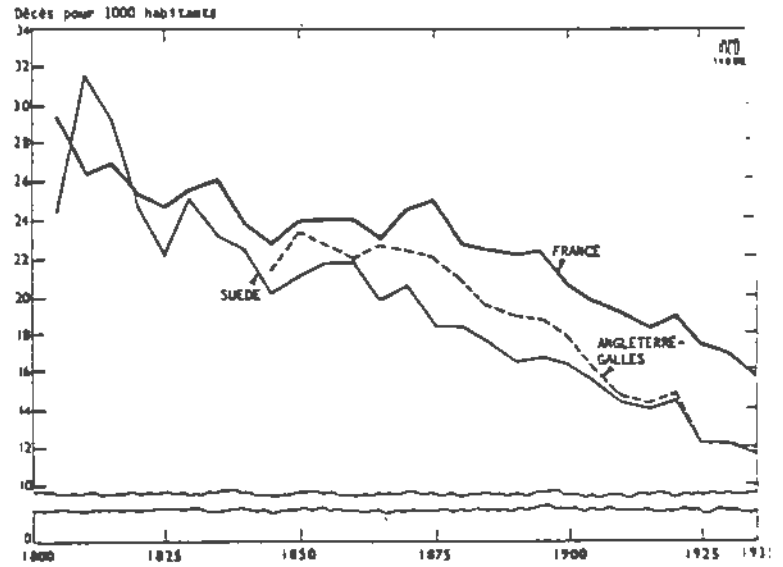


Figure 2. — Evolution du taux de mortalité

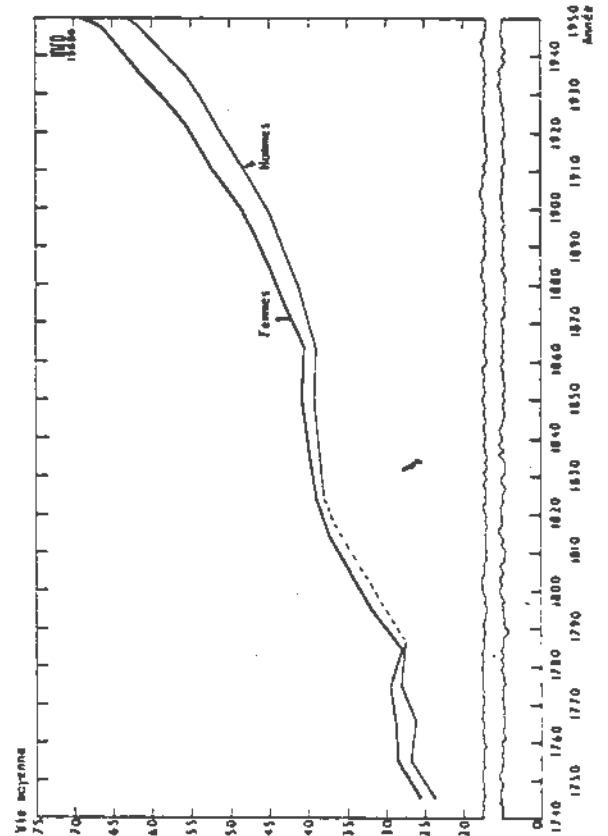
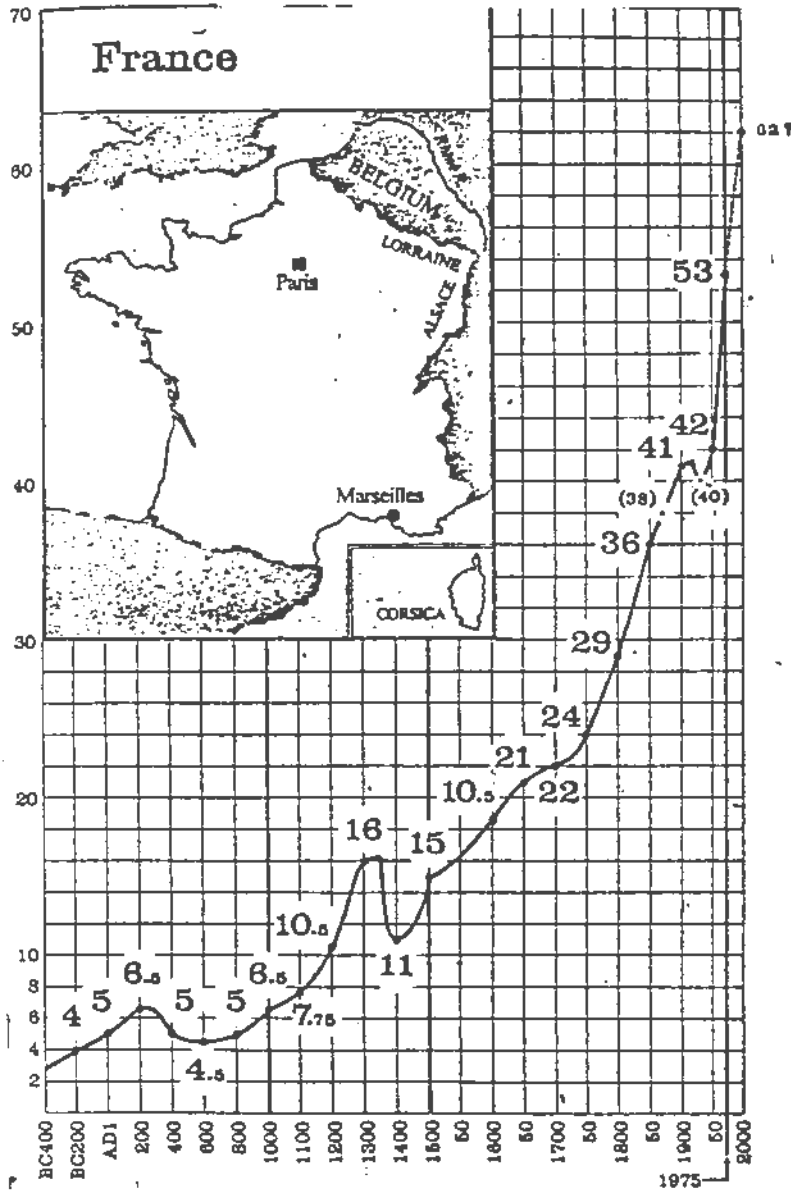


Figure 6. — Espérance de vie à la naissance (ou moyenne) en France