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MACRON GOES BIG ON STATE INTERVENTIONISM IN PLAN TO REBOOT FRANCE

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Posing as the safe choice in a period of great uncertainty, Emmanuel Macron offered French voters the comforting promise of predictability as he unveiled his reelection campaign platform in Paris.

Macron made the case that recent crises revealed vulnerabilities and that France needed a battery of investments and a heavy dose of state interventionism to guarantee its future independence in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine.

The French president detailed his full campaign platform Thursday in a speech and wide-ranging Q&A session that lasted nearly four hours after weeks of criticism from his opponents that he was trying to sidestep the presidential campaign.

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