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Presidential leading candidates Jean-Luc Mélenchon and Marine Le Pen are both likely to change Frances position toward Ukraine if elected.

Frances presidential election is shaping up to be a battle of populists who would pare back the countrys staunch support for Ukraine.

Surveys increasingly show that far-right front-runner Marine Le Pen and far-left candidate Jean-Luc Mélenchon are on track to make the runoff to succeed President Emmanuel Macron next spring. Both are NATO critics and have been accused by their rivals of parroting Kremlin talking points on the war in Ukraine.

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