

Dictionnaire des députés du Second Empire

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FROM MORNAY and Jules Simon to Keratry or Talabot, the Deputies of the Second Empire have had very diverse destinies. Some have been completely forgotten while others still have a place in national or regional history.

But, in looking through these 613 biographies, and thanks to a system of referencing between the entries, the reader will be able to notice a certain typology. Heroes of the First Empire campaigns rub shoulders with great business leaders who are political novices. Landowners coming from Legitimist and Orleanist factions are evenly matched with high profile lawyers or renowned writers. Already, the strong personalities of the Third Republic founders emerge.

This text, participating in the renewal of the biographical genre, does not limit itself to political or professional careers. The public life and, most notably, the private life of all these actors are given special consideration.

From the family milieu to intellectual affinities, from social circles to income, from political heritages to the founding of dynasties, this dictionary opens important perspectives. It allows us to better understand the functioning and organization of the socio-political elite throughout the 19th century in France.



Émile Ollivier, Republican Deputy (1857-1870), Great Spokesman of the Corps législatif and *Chef du gouvernement* of June 2, 1870 .

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