FRENCH PRESIDENTIAL RIVALS TAKE AIM AT LE PEN IN DEBATE

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The far-right leader and four other candidates were quizzed on cost-of-living issues.

Four French presidential hopefuls took aim at Marine Le Pen in a live televised debate on Monday, challenging the far-right leader on her plans for the economy, public housing and her combative relationship with progressive nonprofits.

The debate was centered around issues relating to the cost of living and saw candidates quizzed by voters struggling to make ends meet. Le Pen, who has a commanding lead in the polls, found herself on the receiving end of attacks from the other candidates on stage: far-left leader Jean-Luc Mélenchon, conservative leader Bruno Retailleau, the centrist Gabriel Attal and the center-left MEP Raphaël Glucksmann.

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