

Why are the 'yellow vests' still protesting in France?

Act Four in the weekly "yellow vest" protests unfolded Saturday in Paris amid a now-familiar **backdrop** of tear gas and **chants**, but also brought further clarity on where the rage is headed: directly at President Emmanuel Macron.

backdrop 背景

chant 唱歌

What began as opposition against a carbon tax designed to curb climate change has **morphed** into a working-class **revolt** against Macron, who now faces the first major test of his **presidency** and whose approval ratings have **plummeted** to personal all-time lows.

morph 改变

revolt 反抗; 叛乱

presidency 总统任期

plummet 垂直落下

Chants of "Macron resign!" echoed along the grand Champs Élysées on Saturday as protesters decried him as the "president of the rich" who has ignored struggling regions around the country.

Remarkably, some of those in the crowd had backed Macron's improbable campaign in 2017. But they now say they feel betrayed by an agenda they see as merely concerned with protecting the economic interests of the elite.

remarkably 引人注目地; 非常地

The movement—whose name is taken from the trademark high-visibility yellow vests—has since come to represent a deeply rooted social anger that has more to do with the personality of Macron than it does with any particular policy.

Most protesters tend to be white and many from the provinces—sharing anxiety over **dwindling** purchasing power and what they see as Macron's **aloof** style.

dwindling 减少的

aloof 冷漠的; 远离的

Catherine Van Mikel, 66, a retired clerk at the Galeries Lafayette department store in Paris, noted that she had proudly voted for Macron in 2017. "I feel *genuinely* deceived," she said, standing toward the back, far from the jeering crowds.

genuinely 真诚地; 真正地

"There's a real arrogance to him," she said of Macron. "I have never seen a president like that."