

Andrew Bolt on Emmanuel Macron: Where is the media focus on details of Macron's relationship?

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IN Australia, Emmanuel Macron might seem the victim of a predator teacher. But in France, he and his teacher are the new "first couple".

If early indications from Sunday's election are right, Macron has beaten National Front leader Marine le Pen to become France's president.

The victory of this former Socialist economy minister should surprise us given how he met his future wife.

Macron was 15 and in a school play supervised by his 39-year-old teacher, Brigitte Trogneux, a married mother of three children.

Trogneux says she was bowled over. They fell in love. Macron's parents were reportedly aghast and sent their son from Amiens to finish school in Paris.

But the then-16-year-old promised Trogneux they would marry and, she later recalled, they would that year "spend hours on the phone". "Bit by bit, he defeated all my resistance."



French presidential election candidate Emmanuel Macron and his wife Brigitte Trogneux, who is 25 years his senior. Picture: Eric Feferberg

Note: she claims he was the hunter.

Just when their love became more, Trogneux won't say. She left her husband and, years later, married Macron.

He is now 39 and she 64. I suspect many voters in Australia, Britain and the US would consider this less a love story than a tale of potential abuse.

Just consider the fall of Milo Yiannopoulos.

The British journalist was an icon of the pro-Trump Right, preaching against identity politics in his "Dangerous Faggot" tour of American universities.

But then a YouTube clip emerged of Yiannopoulos boasting of having seduced his teacher, too. He was 17, he said, when he broke the resistance of a Catholic priest aged 29. Foolishly, he said such relationships could be “some of the most important, enriching, incredibly life-affirming” for a boy.



Milo Yiannopoulos was denounced after comments he made regarding paedophilia surfaced in an online video. Picture: Drew Angerer

Yiannopoulos became a pariah, denounced for appearing to excuse and enable paedophile priests. He lost his job at Breitbart News and was stripped of speaking engagements and a book contract. Belatedly, he tried to conform to the safer victim story. “At the time, I did not perceive what was happening to me as abusive,” he grovelled. “I can look back now and see that it was.”

So why did the media damn Yiannopoulos, but accept Macron?

Was it that Yiannopoulos seduced a teacher who was a Catholic priest, not a woman?

Or was it that Macron and his wife have been discreet about the details of their relationship, while Yiannopoulos promoted one too dangerous to become a model?