

Mario Dumont – Biography



Mario Dumont was part of the very founding of the *Action démocratique du Québec* (ADQ) in January of 1994. He became its leader in April of that same year. He led the ADQ through the general election of September 12, 1994, and was elected as Member of National Assembly for the Rivière-du-Loup riding. Mr. Dumont was reelected in the November 30, 1998 election, and he received his third mandate in April of 2003 as the ADQ polled nearly 20% of the Quebec vote.

Mr. Dumont entered politics in 1987 and became President of the Youth Commission of the Liberal Party in 1990. After the Allaire report was rejected, he left the Liberal Party and founded in 1993 the *Forum Option-Jeunesse*. That same year, he became a member of the *Groupe Réflexion-Québec* whose work led to the foundation of the *Action démocratique du Québec* party.

At the parliamentary level, Mr Dumont has served on numerous commissions, namely as National Assembly Office member and Institutions Commission member.

On the political front, Mr Dumont proposes an autonomist vision of Québec's future, which aligns itself with the historical continuity of the defence of Québec's specificity as a cultural group. At the heart of his political agenda are topics such as the modernisation of the State, the broadening of individual liberties and Québec's economic development.

Born in Cacouna, Québec, on May 19th 1970, he obtained a Bachelor's degree in Economic Studies from Concordia University of Montréal in 1993. Mr. Dumont is married to Marie-Claude Barrette and they are the proud parents of Angela, Charles and Juliette.