

# Emile Ratelband

**Emile Albert Rudolf Ratelband** (born 11 March 1949) is a Dutch television personality, "positivity guru" and former politician for Leefbaar Nederland.

## Biography

Emile Ratelband was born in Arnhem on 11 March 1949.<sup>[1]</sup> He has eight children in 2019.<sup>[2]</sup>

In 2002, Ratelband started his own political party, Ratelband List (in Dutch, *Lijst Ratelband*), after being rejected as lijsttrekker for Leefbaar Nederland. Ratelband List took part in the elections for the Tweede Kamer on 22 January 2003, but failed to win a single seat.

In November 2018, Ratelband began a court case in Arnhem, seeking to have his date of birth legally changed from 11 March 1949 to 11 March 1969.<sup>[1]</sup> Ratelband has said, "You can change your name. You can change your gender. Why not your age?"<sup>[3]</sup> His attempt was rejected by the court on December 3, 2018.<sup>[4]</sup>

In July 2019, the *Journal of Medical Ethics* published an article defending the view that in some cases people should be allowed to change their official age.<sup>[5]</sup>

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Emile Ratelband in 2018

<b>Born</b>	11 March 1949 <div>Arnhem, the Netherlands</div>
<b>Nationality</b>	Dutch
<b>Occupation</b>	Former politician & television personality, motivational speaker
<b>Children</b>	8
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.ratelband.nl/?lang=en">http://www.ratelband.nl/?lang=en</a>

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