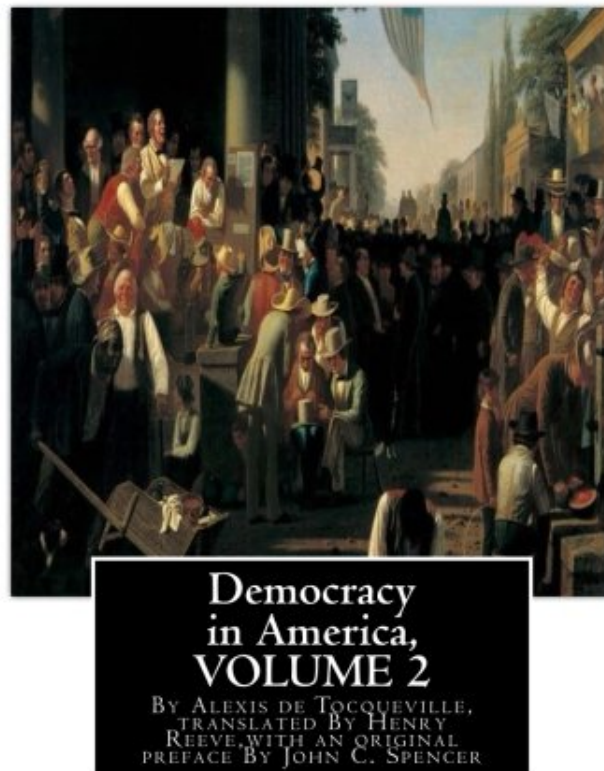


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Ledbetter One of the most striking and accurate evaluations of the American physical, mental and emotional existence then, now and in the future. De Tocqueville, before our time, predicted most if not all of our successes and failures. And both congratulated and warned us of the paths we would wind up on if we chose to go left or right along the way. A compliment to the wisdom of men of his time and an insult to the pettyness of those of ours. Reading this book along with others like the Federalist Papers makes one wonder if we are progressing or regressing in our mental abilities and reasoning powers. I tend to think, the more I study the philosophies of his time and the ones presented today that we are moving backwards in knowledge, wisdom and common sense. The more technologically advanced we seem to become the more spoiled arrogant and naive we seem to be in our social, economic and judicial practices. De Tocqueville and the men and women of his time were the true pioneers in mankind's attempt to be more than the sum of his parts. We have lost our way in regards to logic heading into the 21st century and the new millennium. And it will take men like our founders and De Tocqueville to lead the way back. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. An American MUST READ By Sojourner Knight Alexis de Tocqueville's Democracy in America is a must read for the US citizen who desires this country to once again shine in greatness and leadership as it was designed by the founders. This is a 3rd party review (Frenchman) of the American experiment, and why it works, if the plan (Constitution and Christian ethics) are followed. Quintessential. Its opposite counterparts in non-ethics and demise would be Rules for Radicals by Alinsky, and The Prince by Machiavelli.

Democracy in America. In the book, Tocqueville examines the democratic revolution that he believed had been occurring over the previous seven hundred years. In 1831, Alexis de Tocqueville and Gustave de Beaumont were sent by the French government to study the American prison system. In his later letters Tocqueville indicates that he and Beaumont used their official business as a pretext to study American society instead. They arrived in New York City in May of that year and spent nine months traveling the United States, studying the prisons, and collecting information on American society, including its religious, political, and economic character. The two also briefly visited Canada, spending a few days in the summer of 1831 in what was then Lower Canada (modern-day Quebec) and Upper Canada (modern-day Ontario). After they returned to France in February 1832, Tocqueville and Beaumont submitted their report, *Du système pénitentiaire aux États-Unis et de son application en France*, in 1833. When the first edition was published, Beaumont, sympathetic to social justice, was working on another book, *Marie, ou, L'esclavage aux États-Unis* (two volumes, 1835), a social critique and novel describing the separation of races in a moral society and the conditions of slaves in the United States. Before finishing *Democracy in America*, Tocqueville believed that Beaumont's study of the United States would prove more comprehensive and penetrating. Tocqueville was one of the first social critics to examine the situation of American women and to identify the concept of Separate Spheres. The section *Influence of Democracy on Manners Properly So Called* of the second volume is devoted to his observations of women's status in American society. He writes: "In no country has such constant care been taken as in America to trace two clearly distinct lines of action for the two sexes and to make them keep pace one with the other, but in two pathways that are always different." He argues that the collapse of aristocracy lessened the patriarchal rule in the family where fathers would control daughters' marriages, meaning that women had the option of remaining unmarried and retaining a higher degree of independence. Married women, by contrast, lost all independence "in the bonds of matrimony" as "in America paternal discipline [by the woman's father] is very relaxed and the conjugal tie very strict". Because of his own view that a woman could not act on a level equal to a man, he saw a woman as needing her father's support to retain independence in marriage. Consistent with this limited view of the potential of women to act as equals to men, as well as his apparently missing on his travels seeing the nurturing roles that many men in the United States played, particularly in the Delaware Valley region of cultures where there was a lot of influence by Society of Friends as well as a tradition of male and female equality, Tocqueville considered the separate spheres of women and men a positive development, stating:..... Alexis-Charles-Henri Clrel de Tocqueville (French:29 July 1805 16 April 1859) was a French diplomat, political scientist, and historian. He was best known for his works *Democracy in America* (appearing in two volumes: 1835 and 1840) and *The Old Regime and the Revolution* (1856). In both he analyzed the improved living standards and social conditions of individuals, as well as their relationship to the market and state in Western societies. *Democracy in America* was published after Tocqueville's travels in the United States, and is today considered an early work of sociology and political science. Henry Reeve (9 September 1813 21 October 1895) was an English journalist. John Canfield Spencer (January 8, 1788 May 17, 1855) was an American lawyer, politician, judge and United States Cabinet secretary in the administration of President John Tyler.....

About the Author French diplomat and historian Alexis de Tocqueville (1805-59) is notable for both *Democracy in America* and *The Old Regime and the Revolution*. Both works analyzed the connections between national character and government, were influential in 19th-century discussions of liberalism and equality, and were rediscovered by sociologists and political scientists of the 20th century.