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To: Brian Lamb - C-Span
From: [REDACTED] S-Span Junkie
Re: de Tocqueville Series

As a 92 year old New Yorker, with Sicilian culture, I would like to thank you for the Tocqueville Series. I have both books as well as the Federalist Papers. Your series has brought back the early 1900's as I knew them. A very happy time!

Actually, the start of the unhappy experiences of this Century started with the Federal Reserve and the Foundations - followed by the election of President Wilson and World War I.

So much of today's culture is judged by life in the large Cities - especially the Washington area. The District of Columbia too, was quite like the rural areas you have shown until the early 1950's. I came to Washington in 1950 & worked at the Pentagon when they were preparing for the Korean War.

During the 1950's there was heavy Migration from the South, and I watched the District change. They brought their mode of living with them and the small town suddenly disappeared.

O.Tocq

Words can not express my gratitude
for the work you & your group are doing
in C. Iran. Our newspapers have failed
us. As your phone calls show, even the
local papers have taken to repeat what
the N.Y. Times, The Washington Post & the
L.A. Times want us to know. But you do
your best. Fortunately, the rest of America
is trying hard to regain our schools
& recover some of the love & patriotism
so under attack.

It is most amusing to me to see & hear
the latest moaning from the media.
Surprise, surprise! Newspapers are losing
circulation - T.V. Watching is down & the
Colleges are entertaining panels to determine
"why the people hate us so" - Don't they know
they are a bunch of liars?

Barbara Bush is "killing" for the newspapers.
And where do they reach? Again, to the
children - "Teach your children to read the
paper." They might if they could read
themselves, but John Dewey removed that
custom in the 40's when he took phonics
out of the schools. So sad!

Thank You!