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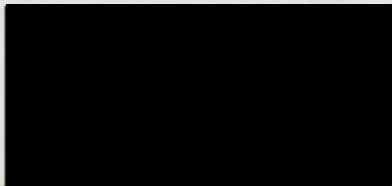
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ALEXIS TOCQUEVILLE; WHO CARES??

Your question--- What have I discovered about democracy in America by watching the Alexis Tocqueville tour on C-SPAN?

My answer---Very little, if anything! To be honest, most of the time when C-SPAN began a segment of Tocqueville I either changed channels or turned the television off. Why should I care what some Frenchman wrote about American Democracy in the early 1800's? What effect did he have on American history? What effect did he have on our government? What effect did he have on the lives of the average American? The answer---NOTHING;ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!!

Until C-SPAN, I had never heard of Tocqueville. We did not study him in history in the late '40's or early '50's. If C-Span wishes to pursue the travels of some little known Frenchman, that is their prerogative. Why not follow the travels of Americans that did have an effect on American history? Americans such as Lewis and Clark, Daniel Boone, Davy Crockett, Kit Carson and Jim Bridger just to name a few. As for Alexis Tocqueville, WHO CARES??

