

Ah, Tocqueville, who⁵²_A legacy persists today as the sit-com, "Third Rock From the Sun". Sure, through "Visit to a Small Planet", "My Favorite Martian", and "Mork From Ork", we have the "Outsider", the "Other", whose observations of the commonplace enable us to see ourselves with fresh eyes. Of course, without "ET's", in 1831, what could be more alien than a French Aristocrat? Even today, when the Coneheads are forced to explain their bizarre actions, they shout "France! We come from France!"

On the "Journal" shows, why doesn't the host tell us, for each call, which of the 3 lines the call is coming through on?

"About Books" has featured simplistic marketers and unctuous agents. The only "Public Affairs" aspect I can see to their talks is to warn the reading public that important writing may be stifled by such incompetent/venal mid-level functionaries. Otherwise, why give them air time?

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