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"A democratic government is the only one in which those who vote for a tax can escape the obligation to pay it." - Alexis de Tocqueville

"Americans are so enamored of equality that they would rather be equal in slavery than unequal in freedom." -Alexis de Tocqueville

"As one digs deeper into the national character of the Americans, one sees that they have sought the value of everything in this world only in the answer to this single question: how much money will it bring in?" -Alexis de Tocqueville

"Consider any individual at any period of his life, and you will always find him preoccupied with fresh plans to increase his comfort." -Alexis de Tocqueville

"Democracy and socialism have nothing in common but one word, equality. But notice the difference: while democracy seeks equality in liberty, socialism seeks equality in restraint and servitude." -Alexis de Tocqueville

"He was as great as a man can be without morality." -Alexis de Tocqueville

I know of no country in which there is so little independence of mind and real freedom of discussion as in America." -Alexis de Tocqueville

"In America the majority raises formidable barriers around the liberty of opinion; within these barriers an author may write what he pleases, but woe to him if he goes beyond them. -Alexis de Tocqueville

"In the United States, the majority undertakes to supply a multitude of ready-made opinions for the use of individuals, who are thus relieved from the necessity of forming opinions of their own." -Alexis de Tocqueville

"Liberty cannot be established without morality, nor morality without faith." -Alexis de Tocqueville

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"What is most important for democracy is not that great fortunes should not exist, but that great fortunes should not remain in the same hands. In that way there are rich men, but they do not form a class." -Alexis de Tocqueville

"When the past no longer illuminates the future, the spirit walks in darkness." -Alexis de Tocqueville