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Challenge and Opportunity in America

Readings:

All required readings for this course other than the Tocqueville biography are from Alexis De Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*, translated by Harvey C. Mansfield and Delba Winthrop.

- Jenna Storey, Short Biography of Tocqueville (PDF).
- Introduction, pp. 3-15.
- Volume I, Part I, chapter 3, "Social States of the Anglo-Americans," pp. 45-53.

Session III

Politics

Readings:

- Volume I, Part I, chapters 4 and part of chapter 5, “Of the Principle of the Sovereignty of the People in America,” and “Necessity of Studying What Takes Place in the Particular States before Speaking of the Government of the Union,” pp. 53-65.
- Volume II, Part IV, chapters 1-3 and 6-8, “Equality Naturally Gives Men the Taste for Free Institutions,” “That the Idea of Democratic Peoples in the Matter of Government are Naturally Favorable to the Concentration of Powers,” “That the Sentiments of Democratic Peoples are in Accord with Their Ideas to Bring Them to Concentrate Power,” “What Kind of Despotism Democratic Nations Have to Fear,” “Continuation of the Preceding Chapters,” and “General View of the Subject,” pp. 639-646, 661-676.

Session IV

Individualism and the Family

Readings:

- Volume I, Part II, chapter 2, “On Individualism in Democratic Countries,” pp. 482-484.
- Volume II, Part III, chapters 8-12, “Influence of Democracy on the Family,” “Education of Girls in the United States,” “How the Girl Is Found Beneath the Features of the Wife,” “How Equality of Conditions Contributes to Maintaining Good Mores in America,” and “How the Americans Understand the Equality of Man and Woman,” pp. 558-576.

Session V

Studies and Occupations

Readings:

- Volume II, Part II, chapters 10-13, “On the Taste for Material Well-Being in America,” “On the Particular Effects That the Love of Material Enjoyments Produces in Democratic Countries,” “Why Certain Americans Display Such an Exalted Spiritualism,” and “Why the Americans Show Themselves So Restive in the Midst of Their Well-Being,” pp. 506-514.
- Volume II, Part II, chapter 16, “How the Excessive Love of Well-Being Can be Harmful to Well-Being,” pp. 521-522.
- Volume II, Part I, chapter 10 and chapter 17, “Why the Americans Apply Themselves to the Practice of the Sciences Rather than to the Theory,” and “On Some Sources of Poetry in Democratic Nations,” pp. 433-439, 458-463.