

DEMOCRACY IN AMERICA

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| TOTALS: | | | | | | | | | |

AVERAGE:

Answers that match Tocqueville get 10 points; those that are the opposite get 0; those that are somewhat right get something in the middle. After you have interviewed at least ten people, total each column and then calculate the average score. If the average is 70–100, democracy is safe; if the average is 50–70, democracy is in jeopardy; if the average is 0–50, democracy is in great danger.