Record Nr. UNINA9910165153703321 Autore Johnson Dale L Titolo Social Inequality, Economic Decline, and Plutocracy [[electronic resource]]: An American Crisis / / by Dale L. Johnson Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Palgrave Pubbl/distr/stampa Macmillan, , 2017 **ISBN** 3-319-49043-5 Edizione [1st ed. 2017.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (VI, 274 p.) Collana Critical Political Theory and Radical Practice 320.01 Disciplina Soggetti Political theory United States—Politics and government Social structure Social inequality Critical theory **Political Theory US Politics** Social Structure, Social Inequality Critical Theory Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia 1. Money and the World it Creates -- 2. The Political Economy of Nota di contenuto Financialization and Its Consequences -- 3. Degenerative Development and Class Transformation -- 4. Ideology as the Root of Plutocratic Rule -- 5. The Ruling Class Rules by Subordinating Government to the Sway of Money -- 6. Rule by Divide and Conquer -- 7. The Ultimate Means of the Rule of Capital: Repression, Terror, and War -- 8. Globalization of Capital and its Ideologically Framed Policies -- 9. A Summary of Strategic Considerations -- 10. Confronting What Is to Achieve Counter-Hegemony -- 11. Some Tactical Considerations. Sommario/riassunto This book aims to further an understanding of present day America by exploring counter-hegemony to the rule of capital and offering guidelines for strategizing change proceeding from the dialectic of What Is and What Ought to Be. The author analyzes neoliberal global

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dominance of finance capital in the late twentieth century, the triumph of ideology, the closing of avenues to reform, the problem of the captive state, and a sociological analysis of rule by "divide and conquer." The book concludes with a look at the history of movement politics in culture, arts, economics, and politics. It resounds with a hope that challenges to hegemony can use many paths to change, of which the electoral path is but one of many fronts, in the long-term struggle for radical reform.