Record Nr. UNINA9910219966803321 Autore Thornhill Paula G. **Titolo** The Crisis Within: America's Military and the Struggle Between the Overseas and Guardian Paradigms RAND Corporation, 2016 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-8330-9524-2 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource Soggetti Air forces and warfare History of the Americas Military history Naval forces and warfare United States Military policy **United States** Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Monografia Livello bibliografico Prologue: the colonel's crisis -- Introduction -- Organized violence : Nota di contenuto the military's unique responsibility -- Thomas Kuhn on problems, paradigms, anomalies, and paradigm shifts -- The common defense and the continental paradigm -- The common defense and the overseas paradigm -- The Second World War validates the overseas paradigm -- The overseas paradigm: accounting for the Second World War's anomalies -- The overseas paradigm: accounting for additional anomalies, 1950-1975 -- The overseas paradigm: conflicting signals, 1975-2001 -- Inconsistencies in the overseas paradigm: The Post-9/11 era -- Crisis and the overseas paradigm -- Rise of the guardian paradigm? -- Possible implications of a paradigm change -- Epilogue: the colonel's retirement speech. Sommario/riassunto The nation's understanding of both the common defense and organized violence has changed dramatically since 2001, and the diversification in the employment of violence produced a profound paradigm shift. This

report is an attempt to start a conversation about how to better

understand America's 21st-century military.