1. Record Nr. UNINA9910252712603321 Autore Loo Clement Titolo Food Insecurity, the Obesity Crisis, and Exploitation in the US Food System [[electronic resource] /] / by Clement Loo, Robert A. Skipper, Jr New York:,: Palgrave Macmillan US:,: Imprint: Palgrave Pivot,, 2017 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-137-53704-3 Edizione [1st ed. 2017.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (100 pages): illustrations Collana Palgrave Series in Bioethics and Public Policy Disciplina 338.1973 Public policy Soggetti Quality of life Social policy Public Policy Quality of Life Research Humanities and Social Sciences, multidisciplinary Social Policy Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto 1. Introduction -- 2. The New Face of Food Insecurity -- 3. Consent and Exploitation -- 4. Obesity and Coercion -- 5. Moving Forward. . Sommario/riassunto This book argues that the factors contributing to obesity as a product of food insecurity have risen largely from the exploitation of vulnerable communities. In the past, food insecurity has been understood as primarily a matter of famine, hunger, and undernutrition. Such an understanding is no longer accurate: food insecurity is now also associated with obesity, the rates of which have increased dramatically in the past thirty years, particularly among lower-income communities and communities of color. This is likely the result of changes in the food system, including the reduction of access to fresh produce. Governments and intergovernmental bodies are therefore justified in more vigorously and directly intervening in the food system to ensure

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