Record Nr. UNINA9910338052603321 Autore Beattie Peter Titolo Social Evolution, Political Psychology, and the Media in Democracy [[electronic resource]]: The Invisible Hand in the U.S. Marketplace of Ideas / / by Peter Beattie Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Palgrave Pubbl/distr/stampa Macmillan, , 2019 3-030-02801-1 ISBN Edizione [1st ed. 2019.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (366 pages) Disciplina 320.019 Soggetti Political theory Mass media Communication Democracy **Political Theory** Media Sociology Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia 1. Introduction: Why Democracy Is Not Working -- 2. Information -Nota di contenuto Evolution, Psychology, and Politics -- 3. Evolution - How We Got the Minds We Have Today -- 4. When Our Evolved Minds Go Wrong - Social Psychological Biases -- 5. The Transition - Information from Media to Mind -- 6. The Supply Side – What Affects the Supply of Information Provided by the Media -- 7. Comparing Media Systems – What a Difference Supply Makes -- 8. Conclusion: The Invisible Hand and the Ecology of Information. Sommario/riassunto This book analyzes why we believe what we believe about politics, and how the answer affects the way democracy functions. It does so by applying social evolution theory to the relationship between the news media and politics, using the United States as its primary example. This includes a critical review and integration of the insights of a broad array of research, from evolutionary theory and political psychology to the political economy of media. The result is an empirically driven political theory on the media's role in democracy: what role it currently

plays, what role it should play, and how it can be reshaped to be more appropriate for its structural role in democracy. .