Record Nr. UNINA9910452335403321 Autore Johnson Kevin R Titolo Immigration law and the US-Mexico border [[electronic resource]] / Kevin R. Johnson and Bernard Trujillo Tucson, : University of Arizona Press, c2011 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1299191657 0816505594 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (312 pages) Collana Mexican American experience Altri autori (Persone) TrujilloBernard <1966-> Disciplina 342.7308/2 Soggetti Emigration and immigration law - United States Undocumented immigrants - United States Border security - Mexican-American Border Region Electronic books. United States Foreign relations Mexico Mexico Foreign relations United States Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto A brief history of Mexico-US migration patterns -- Federal plenary power over immigration -- The administration and enforcement of US immigration laws -- Admissions -- Inadmissibility -- Removal --Regulating the migration of labor -- US-Mexico border enforcement --State and local regulation of immigration -- National security and immigration law and policy -- Integration, protest, and reform. "Americans from radically different political persuasions agree on the Sommario/riassunto need to "fix" the "broken" US immigration laws to address serious deficiencies and improve border enforcement. In Immigration Law and the US-Mexico Border, Kevin Johnson and Bernard Trujillo focus on what for many is at the core of the entire immigration debate in modern America: immigration from Mexico. In clear, reasonable prose, Johnson and Trujillo explore the long history of discrimination against US citizens of Mexican ancestry in the United States and the current movement against "illegal aliens"--persons depicted as not deserving

fair treatment by US law. The authors argue that the United States has a

special relationship with Mexico by virtue of sharing a 2,000-mile

border and a "land-grab of epic proportions" when the United States "acquired" nearly two-thirds of Mexican territory between 1836 and 1853. The authors explain US immigration law and policy in its many aspects--including the migration of labor, the place of state and local regulation over immigration, and the contributions of Mexican immigrants to the US economy. Their objective is to help thinking citizens on both sides of the border to sort through an issue with a long, emotional history that will undoubtedly continue to inflame politics until cooler, and better-informed, heads can prevail. The authors conclude by outlining possibilities for the future, sketching a possible movement to promote social justice. Great for use by students of immigration law, border studies, and Latino studies, this book will also be of interest to anyone wondering about the general state of immigration law as it pertains to our most troublesome border"--