1. Record Nr. UNINA9910458542603321 Autore Villalon Roberta Titolo Violence against Latina immigrants [[electronic resource]]: citizenship, inequality, and community / / Roberta Villalon New York,: New York University Press, c2010 Pubbl/distr/stampa 0-8147-8842-4 **ISBN** 0-8147-8826-2 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (218 p.) Disciplina 362.83 Soggetti Women immigrants - Violence against - United States Latin Americans - Violence against - United States Women immigrants - United States - Social conditions Latin Americans - United States - Social conditions Electronic books. United States Emigration and immigration Social aspects Lingua di pubblicazione **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. 193-202) and index. Nota di contenuto Introduction: theoretical and methodological approach -- Violence against Latina immigrants and immigration law -- Formal barriers to citizenship -- Informal barriers to citizenship -- Resisting inequality --Conclusion. Sommario/riassunto Caught between violent partners and the bureaucratic complications of the US Immigration system, many immigrant women are particularly vulnerable to abuse. For two years, Roberta Villalón volunteered at a nonprofit group that offers free legal services to mostly undocumented immigrants who had been victims of abuse. Her innovative study of Latina survivors of domestic violence explores the complexities at the intersection of immigration, citizenship, and violence, and shows how inequality is perpetuated even through the well-intentioned delivery of vital services. Through archival research, participant observation, and

personal interviews, Violence Against Latina Immigrants provides insight into the many obstacles faced by battered immigrant women of color, bringing their stories and voices to the fore. Ultimately, Villalón proposes an active policy advocacy agenda and suggests possible

changes to gender violence-based immigration laws, revealing the complexities of the lives of Latina immigrants as they confront issues of citizenship, gender violence, and social inequalities.