Record Nr. UNINA9910778137503321 Autore Hodgson Godfrey Titolo More equal than others [[electronic resource]]: America from Nixon to the new century / / Godfrey Hodgson Princeton, N.J.; Oxford, : Princeton University Press, [2006] Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-15745-0 9786612157455 1-4008-2595-4 Edizione [Course Book] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (407 p.) Politics and society in twentieth-century America Collana Disciplina 305.8/00973/09045 Soggetti Conservatism - United States Equality - United States - History - 20th century Minorities - United States - Social conditions - 20th century Political culture - United States - History - 20th century Social conflict - United States - History - 20th century United States Politics and government 1945-1989 United States Politics and government 1989-United States Social conditions 1980-2020 Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali "A Century Foundation book." Originally published: 2004. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Foreword -- Acknowledgments --Introduction: Disappointment and Denial -- 1. State of the Union -- 2. New Politics -- 3. New Technology -- 4. New Economics -- 5. New Immigrants -- 6. New Women -- 7. New South, Old Race -- 8. New Society -- 9. New World -- 10. New Century -- Notes -- Select Bibliography -- Index During the past quarter century, free-market capitalism was recognized Sommario/riassunto not merely as a successful system of wealth creation, but as the key determinant of the health of political and cultural democracy. Now, renowned British journalist and historian Godfrey Hodgson takes aim at

this popular view in a book that promises to become one of the most important political histories of our time. More Equal Than Others looks

back on twenty-five years of what Hodgson calls "the conservative ascendancy" in America, demonstrating how it has come to dominate American politics. Hodgson disputes the notion that the rise of conservatism has spread affluence and equality to the American people. Quite the contrary, he writes, the most distinctive feature of American society in the closing years of the twentieth century was its great and growing inequality. He argues that the combination of conservative ideology and corporate power and dominance by mass media obsessed with lifestyle and celebrity have caused America to abandon much of what was best in its past. In fact, he writes, income and wealth inequality have become so extreme that America now resembles the class-stratified societies of early twentieth-century Europe. More Equal Than Others addresses a broad range of issues, with chapters on politics, the new economy, immigration, technology, women, race, and foreign policy, among others. A fitting sequel to the author's critically acclaimed America In Our Time, More Equal Than Others is not only an outstanding synthesis of history, but a trenchant commentary on the state of the American Dream.