Record Nr. UNINA9910781838803321 Autore Swarts Heidi J Titolo Organizing urban America [[electronic resource]]: secular and faithbased progressive movements / / Heidi J. Swarts Minneapolis, : University of Minnesota Press, 2008 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-8166-5384-4 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (333 p.) Collana Social movements, protest, and contention; ; v. 28 307.3/4160973 Disciplina Soggetti Community organization - United States Community development, Urban - United States Urban renewal - United States - Citizen participation Religion and politics - United States Inglese Lingua di pubblicazione **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Introduction. Invisible actors: community organizing, agenda setting, and American social movements -- Different mobilizing cultures : congregation-based organizing and ACORN -- Religion and progressive politics: congregation-based Community Organizing's innovative cultural strategy -- Experimenting with national organizing campaigns: ACORN's innovative political strategy -- Organizing is a numbers game: St. Louis ACORN -- A seat at the regional table: Metropolitan Congregations United for St. Louis -- La puebla unida : ACORN in the Sunbelt -- The power is in the relationship: San Jose PACT -- The results of organizing -- American inequality and the potential of community organizing. Heidi J. Swarts explores activist groupsO cultural, organizational, and Sommario/riassunto political strategies. Focusing on ACORN chapters and church federations. Swarts demonstrates how congregation-based organizing has developed an innovative cultural strategy, and how ACORNOs national structure allows it to coordinate campaigns quickly. By making these often-invisible grassroots organizers evident, Swarts sheds light on factors that constrain or enable other social movements in the

United States.