Record Nr. UNINA9910786487103321 Media, mobilization and human rights: mediating suffering / / edited **Titolo** by Tristan Anne Borer Pubbl/distr/stampa London, England:,: Zed Books,, 2012 [London, England]: ,: Bloomsbury Publishing, , 2021 **ISBN** 1-350-22133-3 1-78032-070-1 1-283-74723-5 1-78032-069-8 Descrizione fisica viii, 251 p Disciplina 323 Soggetti Human rights in mass media Human rights advocacy Humanitarian intervention - Press coverage Media studies Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto About the editor; Title page; Copyright; Contents; Acknowledgments; Introduction: willful ignorance -- news production, audience reception, and responses to suffering; Twenty years in Somalia; Mediating suffering; States, the media, and humanitarian intervention; Ordinary people, the media, and distant suffering; News production -- the first

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"Why do news stories of atrocities sometimes mobilize people, while at other times they are met with indifference? Do different forms of media have a greater or lesser impact on mobilization? Media, Mobilization, and Human Rights investigates the assumption that exposure to human rights violations in countries far away causes people to respond with activism. Turning a critical eye on existing scholarship, the authors argue that there is nothing inherently positive or negative about exposure to the suffering of others. In doing so, they offer an array of case studies, from human rights reporting in Mexican newspapers to the impact of media images on humanitarian intervention in Somalia, from the influence of celebrity activism to the growing role of social media. Examining a variety of media and drawing upon a range of disciplines, this collection presents radical new ways of thinking about the intersection of portrayals of human suffering and activist responses to them."--Provided by publisher.