Record Nr. UNINA9910788303703321 Autore Litke Justin B. <1984-> Titolo Twilight of the Republic [[electronic resource]]: Empire and Exceptionalism in the American Political Tradition // Justin B. Litke Lexington, Ky.,: University Press of Kentucky, 2013 Pubbl/distr/stampa 0-8131-4222-9 **ISBN** 0-8131-4223-7 0-8131-4221-0 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (225 p.) Disciplina 306.20973 Political culture - United States - History Soggetti National characteristics, American - History Exceptionalism - United States - History Electronic books. 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 (p. 195-205) and index. Nota di contenuto The problem of American exceptionalism -- John Winthrop: a divinely sanctioned, practically circumscribed colony -- The founders: a providentially guided, temporally bound country -- Abraham Lincoln: an ideally united, potentially unbound union -- Albert Beveridge: a racially defined, imperially aimed nation -- Conclusion : the possibility of a new and traditional American political order. The uniqueness of America has been alternately celebrated and Sommario/riassunto panned, emphasized and denied, for most of the country's history -both by its own people and by visitors and observers from around the world. The idea of ""American exceptionalism"" tends to provoke strong feelings, but few are aware of the term's origins or understand its true meaning. Understanding the roots and consequences of America's uniqueness requires a thorough look into the nation's history and Americans' ideas about themselves. Through a masterful analysis of

important texts and key documents, Justin B. Litke i