1. Record Nr. UNINA9910793549703321 Autore Breen Michael <1983-> Titolo Resilient reporting: media coverage of Irish elections since 1969 / / Michael Breen, Michael Courtney, Iain McMenamin, Eoin O'Malley, Kevin Pubbl/distr/stampa Manchester, UK:,: Manchester University Press,, 2019 ©2019 **ISBN** 1-5261-1998-6 1 online resource (x, 176 pages): illustrations; digital file(s) Descrizione fisica Disciplina 324.94170824 Soggetti Elections - Press coverage - Ireland Press and politics - Ireland Communication in politics - Ireland **Politics** Media, Information & Communication Industries POLITICAL SCIENCE / General Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto List of figures -- List of tables -- List of authors -- Acknowledgements -- 1 Resilient reporting: An introduction -- 2 Ireland: political, economic, and media systems -- 3 The media and political change -- 4 The role of the economy in media coverage -- 5 Gender bias and Irish election coverage -- 6 Party leaders and personalisation of politics -- 7 Commercialism and election coverage -- 8 Economy and crisis coverage -- Conclusion -- Appendix 1: An overview of elections in Ireland since 1969 -- Appendix 2: Data and methodology --References -- Index Sommario/riassunto This book examines how election news reporting has changed over the last half century in Ireland by means of a unique dataset involving 25m words from newspapers as well as radio and television coverage. The authors examine reporting in terms of framing, tone and the distribution of coverage. They also focus on how the economy has affected election coverage as well as media reporting of leaders and personalities, gender and the effect of the commercial basis of media

outlets. The findings - drawn from a machine learning computer system involving a huge content analysis study - will interest academics as well as politicians and policymakers internationally. "Media hostility towards politicians and the political system, and its impact on democracy, has long attracted the interest of scholars of political communication. It is also the subject of political discourse and rhetoric, with the media attracting the ire of political leaders around the globe: Donald Trump, for one, has repeatedly called journalists 'the worst people in the world.' Trump is not the first, nor will he be the last, leader to seek to focus our attention on the role of the media in electoral politics. Resilient reporting examines how election news reporting has changed over the last half-century in Ireland by means of a unique dataset involving 25 million words from newspapers, as well as radio and television coverage. In a timely and revealing study, the authors examine reporting in terms of framing, tone, and the distribution of coverage. They also focus on how the economy has affected election coverage as well as media reporting of leaders and personalities, gender, and the effect of the commercial basis of media outlets. The authors evaluate three broad hypotheses about Ireland's election coverage since 1969: the extent to which the norms of critical impartiality have survived, whether the media has shifted towards hypercritical infotainment, and the extent to which content has been influenced by exogenous factors - that is, political, social, and economic factors outside the media itself. The findings, which are drawn from a machine-learning computer system involving a huge content analysis study, will interest academics as well as politicians and policymakers internationally." -- Back cover.