1. Record Nr. UNINA9910794505203321 Autore Kimport Katrina <1978-> Titolo No real choice: how culture and politics matter for reproductive autonomy / / Katrina Kimport Pubbl/distr/stampa New Brunswick, New Jersey: ,: Rutgers University Press, , [2022] ©2022 **ISBN** 1-9788-1795-9 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (213 pages) Collana Families in Focus Disciplina 362.1988/800973 Soggetti Abortion - United States Abortion - Government policy - United States Abortion - Political aspects - United States Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Includes bibliographical references (pages [177]-196) and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- 1. No Real Choice -- 2. Policies, Poverty, and the Organization of Abortion Care -- 3. Privileging the Fetus -- 4. Seeing Irresponsibility and Harm -- 5. Fearing the Experience of Abortion -- 6. Choosing a Baby -- 7. Toward Reproductive Autonomy -- Methodological Appendix -- Acknowledgments -- References --Index -- About the Author In the United States, the "right to choose" an abortion is the law of the Sommario/riassunto land. But what if a woman continues her pregnancy because she didn't really have a choice? What if state laws, federal policies, stigma, and a host of other obstacles push that choice out of her reach? Based on candid, in-depth interviews with women who considered but did not obtain an abortion, No Real Choice punctures the myth that American women have full autonomy over their reproductive choices. Focusing on the experiences of a predominantly Black and low-income group of women, sociologist Katrina Kimport finds that structural, cultural, and experiential factors can make choosing abortion impossible-especially for those who experience racism and class discrimination. From these

conversations, we see the obstacles to "choice" these women face, such

antiabortion claims that abortion is harmful. Kimport's interviews reveal

as bans on public insurance coverage of abortion and rampant

that even as activists fight to preserve Roe v. Wade, class and racial disparities have already curtailed many women's freedom of choice. No Real Choice analyzes both the structural obstacles to abortion and the cultural ideologies that try to persuade women not to choose abortion. Told with care and sensitivity, No Real Choice gives voice to women whose experiences are often overlooked in debates on abortion, illustrating how real reproductive choice is denied, for whom, and at what cost.