Record Nr. UNINA9910796740903321 Autore Lipsitz George Titolo The possessive investment in whiteness: how white people profit from identity politics / / George Lipsitz Philadelphia:,: Temple University Press,, 2018 Pubbl/distr/stampa 1-4399-1640-3 **ISBN** Edizione [Twentieth anniversary edition.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (395 pages) 305.800973 Disciplina Racism - United States Soggetti Prejudices - United States Identity politics - United States White people - Race identity - United States United States Race relations United States Social policy 1993-Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto The changing same: introduction to the twentieth anniversary edition -- Bill Moore's body -- The possessive investment in whiteness -- Law and order: civil rights laws and white privilege -- Immigrant labor and identity politics -- Whiteness and war -- How whiteness works: inheritance, wealth, and health -- White fragility, white failure, white fear -- A pigment of the imagination -- White desire : remembering Robert Johnson -- Lean on me: beyond identity politics -- Finding families of resemblance: 'Frantic to join . . . the Japanese army'" --California: the Mississippi of the 1990s -- Change the focus and reverse the hypnosis: learning from New Orleans -- White lives, white lies. Sommario/riassunto George Lipsitz's classic book The Possessive Investment in Whiteness argues that public policy and private prejudice work together to create a possessive investment in whiteness that is responsible for the racialized hierarchies of our society. Whiteness has a cash value: it accounts for advantages that come to individuals through profits made

from housing secured in discriminatory markets, through the unequal educational opportunities available to children of different races,

through insider networks that channel employment opportunities to the friends and relatives of those who have profited most from past and present discrimination, and especially through intergenerational transfers of inherited wealth that pass on the spoils of discrimination to succeeding generations. White Americans are encouraged to invest in whiteness, to remain true to an identity that provides them with structured advantages. In this twentieth anniversary edition, Lipsitz provides a new introduction and updated statistics; as well as analyses of the enduring importance of Hurricane Katrina; the nature of antiimmigrant mobilizations; police assaults on Black women, the killings of Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, and Freddie Gray; the legacy of Obama and the emergence of Trump; the Charleston Massacre and other hate crimes; and the ways in which white fear, white fragility, and white failure have become drivers of a new ethno-nationalism. As vital as it was upon its original publication, the twentieth anniversary edition of The Possessive Investment in Whiteness is an unflinching but necessary look at white supremacy.