Record Nr. UNINA9910798937503321 Autore Scott Holly V. <1979-> **Titolo** Younger than that now: the politics of age in the 1960s / / Holly V. Scott Pubbl/distr/stampa Amherst:,: University of Massachusetts Press,, [2016] ©2016 1-61376-423-5 **ISBN** Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (226 pages) Collana Culture, politics, and the Cold War Disciplina 320.40835097309/04 Soggetti Youth - Political activity - United States - History - 20th century Youth movements - United States - History - 20th century Student movements - United States - History - 20th century Political activists - United States - History - 20th century Age - Political aspects - United States - History - 20th century Age - Social aspects - United States - History - 20th century Social change - United States - History - 20th century United States Politics and government 1961-1963 United States Politics and government 1963-1969 United States Social conditions 1960-1980 Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Introduction: The youth frame -- Student citizen, part I: the civil rights movement -- Student citizen, part II: the early New Left -- "No student panty raid": covering youth activism in the early 1960s -- Youthbaiting: coverage of young activists in the late 1960s -- "Youth will make the revolution": creating the youth frame -- "It ain't me Babe": racial and gendered limits of the youth frame -- "Now what am I to do with this creature?": contesting the youth frame -- Conclusion: Memory and the meaning of youth. "Retrospectives of the 1960s routinely include the face of youth Sommario/riassunto rebellion: long-haired students occupying campus buildings, young men burning draft cards, hippies dancing at Woodstock. In Younger

Than That Now, Holly V. Scott explores how the idea of 'youth' served

as a tactic in the political and social activism of these years. In the early part of that decade, young white activists began to learn from the civil rights movement's defiance of racism. They examined their own lives and concluded that campus rules and the draft were repression as well. As a group, they were ripe for revolution, and their age gave them a unique perspective for understanding and protesting against injustice. In short, young people began to use their youth as a political strategy. Some in the New Left were dubious of this strategy and asked how it might damage long-term progress. Young feminists and people of color were particularly quick to question the idea that age alone was enough to sustain a movement. And the media often presented young people as impulsive and naive, undermining their political legitimacy. In tracing how 'youth' took on multiple meanings as the 1960s progressed, Scott demonstrates the power of this idea to both promote and hinder social change"--Provided by publisher.