1. Record Nr. UNINA9910798969903321 Autore Linnemann Travis Titolo Meth Wars: Police, Media, Power / / Travis Linnemann Pubbl/distr/stampa New York, NY:,: New York University Press,, [2016] ©2016 **ISBN** 1-4798-2319-8 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (223 pages) Collana Alternative Criminology;; 11 Disciplina 362.29/950973 Soggetti Police - United States Minorities - Drug use - United States Methamphetamine abuse - Press coverage - United States Methamphetamine abuse - Social aspects - United States Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Front matter -- Contents -- Acknowledgments -- Introduction: The Methamphetamine Imaginary -- 1. Walter White's Death Wish -- 2. This Is Your Race on Meth -- 3. Governing through Meth -- 4. The War Out There -- 5. Imagining Methland -- 6. Drug War, Terror War, Street Corner, Battlefield -- Notes -- References -- Index -- About the Author Sommario/riassunto How the War on Drugs is maintained through racism, authority and public opinion. From the hit television series Breaking Bad, to daily news reports, anti-drug advertising campaigns and highly publicized world-wide hunts for "narcoterrorists" such as Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, the drug, methamphetamine occupies a unique and important space in the public's imagination. In Meth Wars, Travis Linnemann situates the "meth epidemic" within the broader culture and politics of drug control and mass incarceration. Linnemann draws together a range of examples and critical interdisciplinary scholarship to show how methamphetamine, and the drug war more generally, are part of a larger governing strategy that animates the politics of fear and

> insecurity and links seemingly unrelated concerns such as environmental dangers, the politics of immigration and national security, policing tactics, and terrorism. The author's unique analysis

presents a compelling case for how the supposed "meth epidemic" allows politicians, small town police and government counter-narcotics agents to engage in a singular policing project in service to the broader economic and geostrategic interests of the United States.