Record Nr. UNINA9910809369303321 Contested welfare states: welfare attitudes in Europe and beyond / / **Titolo** edited by Stefan Svallfors Pubbl/distr/stampa Stanford, California, : Stanford University Press, c2012 **ISBN** 0-8047-8317-9 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (271 p.) Collana Studies in social inequality Classificazione QX 000 Altri autori (Persone) SvallforsStefan Disciplina 361.94 Soggetti Public welfare - Europe - Public opinion Welfare state - Europe - Public opinion Public opinion - Europe Europe Social policy Public opinion Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Front matter -- Contents -- Tables and Figures -- Acknowledgments -- Contributors -- Chapter One. Welfare States and Welfare Attitudes -- Chapter Two. Welfare Performance and Welfare Support -- Chapter Three. Attitudes Among High-Risk Groups -- Chapter Four. A Normative Approach to Welfare Attitudes -- Chapter Five. Unraveling Working-Class Welfare Chauvinism -- Chapter Six. Age, Class, and Attitudes Toward Government Responsibilities -- Chapter Seven. Framing Theory, Welfare Attitudes, and the United States Case --Chapter Eight, Welfare Attitudes in Context -- Index Sommario/riassunto The welfare state is a trademark of the European social model. An extensive set of social and institutional actors provides protection against common risks, offering economic support in periods of hardship and ensuring access to care and services. Welfare policies define a set of social rights and address common vulnerabilities to protect citizens from market uncertainties. But over recent decades, European welfare states have undergone profound restructuring and recalibration. This book analyzes people's attitudes toward welfare policies across Europe, and offers a novel comparison with the United States. Occupied with normative orientations toward the redistribution

of resources and public policies aimed at ameliorating adverse

conditions, the book focuses on the interplay between individual welfare attitudes and behavior, institutional contexts, and structural variables. It provides essential input into the comparative study of welfare state attitudes and offers critical insights into the public legitimacy of welfare state reform.