Record Nr. UNINA9910811536203321 Autore Staudt Nancy Titolo The judicial power of the purse: how courts fund national defense in times of crisis / / Nancy Staudt Chicago,: University of Chicago Press, c2011 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-283-36280-5 9786613362803 0-226-77115-6 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (212 p.) Chicago series on international and domestic institutions Collana Disciplina 347.73/12 Soggetti War and emergency legislation - Economic aspects - United States Judicial power - Economic aspects - United States Judge-made law - Economic aspects - United States Fiscal policy - United States Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. [177]-190) and indexes. Nota di contenuto Federal judges' budgetary powers -- Pulling the purse strings: an information theory of crisis jurisprudence -- Mobilizing judicial resources: the information theory in action -- The judicial understanding of costly foreign policy events -- The next stop: the information theory in the domestic context. Sommario/riassunto Congress and the president are not the only branches that deal with fiscal issues in times of war. In this innovative book, Nancy Staudt focuses on the role of federal courts in fiscal matters during warfare and high-cost national defense emergencies. There is, she argues, a judicial power of the purse that becomes evident upon examining the budgetary effects of judicial decision making. The book provides substantial evidence that judges are willing-maybe even eager-to redirect private monies into government hands when the country is in peril, but when the judges receive convincing cues that ongoing wartime activities undermine the nation's interests, they are more likely to withhold funds from the government by deciding cases in favor of private individuals and entities who show up in court. In stark contrast

with conventional legal, political, and institutional thought that

privileges factors associated with individual preferences, The Judicial Power of the Purse sheds light on environmental factors in judicial decision making and will be an excellent read for students of judicial behavior in political science and law.