1. Record Nr. UNINA9910813662903321 Autore Sisson Dan <1937-> Titolo The American revolution of 1800: how Jefferson rescued democracy from tyranny and faction- and what this means today / / Daniel Sisson with Thom Hartmann Pubbl/distr/stampa San Francisco, California:,: Berrett-Koehler Publishers, Inc.,, 2014 ©2014 **ISBN** 1-60994-986-2 1-60994-987-0 Edizione [Fortieth anniversary edition.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (313 pages) Disciplina 973.4/6092 Soggetti Presidents - United States - Election - 1800 Political science - United States - History Revolutions - United States - History United States Politics and government 1789-1809 Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Includes index. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Cover -- Contents -- Introduction -- CHAPTER 1 The Idea of a Nonparty State -- CHAPTER 2 The Idea of Revolution -- CHAPTER 3 The Idea of Revolution: Conspiracy and Counterrevolution -- CHAPTER 4 The Principles of the American and French Revolutions -- CHAPTER 5 The Politics of Faction -- CHAPTER 6 The Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions and Threats to the First Amendment -- CHAPTER 7 The Politics of the Revolution of 1800: Prelude -- CHAPTER 8 The Politics of the Revolution of 1800: Revolution -- Afterword -- Notes --Acknowledgments -- Index -- About the Authors. In this brilliant historical classic, Dan Sisson provides the definitive Sommario/riassunto window into key concepts that have formed the backdrop of our democracy: the nature of revolution, stewardship of power, liberty, and the ever-present danger of factions and tyranny. Most contemporary historians celebrate Jefferson's victory over Adams in 1800 as the beginning of the two-party system, but Sisson believes this reasoning is entirely the wrong lesson. Jefferson saw his election as a peaceful

revolution by the American people overturning an elitist faction that

was stamping out cherished constitutional rights and trying to transform our young democracy into an authoritarian state. If anything, our current two-party system is a repudiation of Jefferson's theory of revolution and his earnest desire that the people as a whole, not any faction or clique, would triumph in government. Sisson's book makes clear that key ideas of the American Revolution did not reach their full fruition until the "Revolution of 1800," to which we owe the preservation of many of our key rights. With contributions by Thom Hartmann that bring out the book's contemporary relevance, this fortieth anniversary edition contains new insights and reflections on how Jefferson's vision can help us in our own era of polarization, corruption, government overreach, and gridlock.