Record Nr. UNINA9910818426903321 Autore Eshbaugh-Soha Matthew <1972-> **Titolo** Breaking through the noise: presidential leadership, public opinion, and the news media / / Matthew Eshbaugh-Soha and Jeffrey S. Peake Stanford, Calif., : Stanford University Press, 2011 Pubbl/distr/stampa 0-8047-7821-3 **ISBN** Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (265 p.) Collana Studies in the modern presidency Altri autori (Persone) PeakeJeffrey S. <1970-> Disciplina 352.23/60973 Soggetti Presidents - United States Presidents - Press coverage - United States Government and the press - United States Press and politics - United States Communication in politics - United States Public relations and politics - United States Political leadership - United States Public opinion - United States 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 Presidential leadership -- Theoretical framework and organization -- A focused strategy of presidential leadership -- A sustained strategy of presidential leadership -- Going local as a leadership strategy --Leadership and responsiveness in the public presidency. Modern presidents engage in public leadership through national Sommario/riassunto television addresses, routine speechmaking, and by speaking to local audiences. With these strategies, presidents tend to influence the media's agenda. In fact, presidential leadership of the news media provides an important avenue for indirect presidential leadership of the public, the president's ultimate target audience. Although frequently left out of sophisticated treatments of the public presidency, the media are directly incorporated into this book's theoretical approach and analysis. The authors find that when the public expresses real concern about an issue, such as high unemployment, the president tends to be responsive. But when the president gives attention to an issue in which

the public does not have a preexisting interest, he can expect, through

the news media, to directly influence public opinion. Eshbaugh-Soha and Peake offer key insights on when presidents are likely to have their greatest leadership successes and demonstrate that presidents can indeed "break through the noise" of news coverage to lead the public agenda.