Record Nr. UNINA9910818892803321 Autore Harvey Frank P. Titolo The homeland security dilemma: fear, failure and the future of American insecurity / / Frank P. Harvey London;; New York:,: Routledge,, 2008 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-135-97385-7 0-203-89424-3 1-283-88333-3 1-135-97386-5 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (301 p.) Collana Contemporary security studies Disciplina 363.3250973 Soggetti Terrorism - United States - Prevention National security - 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 (p. [249]-277) and index. Nota di contenuto Introduction: The origins of the homeland security dilemma -- Rising public expectations and higher standards for measuring performance -- The power and triumph of failure -- Public imagination and probability neglect -- Political imagination and motivation -- Declining support for sacrificing civil liberties -- Multilateral failures and the HSD -- Homeland security dilemma and political motivations -- Revisiting the Overblown thesis: logical, empirical and theoretical problems --Non-falsifiability of Overblown theory -- Weak theories lead to simple (mistaken) solutions -- Conclusion: The homeland security dilemma and the future. Sommario/riassunto This book explores the paradox of the 'security dilemma' in International Relations, as applied to the post-9/11 context of homeland security. The book's central argument can be summed up by the following counterintuitive thesis: the more security you have, the more security you will need. It argues that enhancing security does not make terrorism more likely, but rather it raises public expectations and amplifies public outrage after subsequent failures. The book contests

that this dilemma will continue to shape American, Canadian and

British domestic and international security priori