

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910965402703321
Autore	Mitchell Harvey
Titolo	America after Tocqueville : democracy against difference / / Harvey Mitchell
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Cambridge : , : Cambridge University Press, , 2002
ISBN	1-107-12553-7 0-521-03024-2 1-280-15962-6 0-511-12038-9 0-511-33007-3 0-511-51173-6 0-511-04532-8 0-511-14771-6
Edizione	[1st ed.]
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (xi, 324 pages) : digital, PDF file(s)
Disciplina	320.973
Soggetti	Democracy - United States Equality - United States United States Politics and government United States Social conditions To 1865
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	Title from publisher's bibliographic system (viewed on 05 Oct 2015).
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references (p. 295-309) and index.
Nota di contenuto	Introduction: thinking about American democracy -- Democracy's experiment: from inequality to equality -- Achieving a democratic civil society -- Beginnings and history: red and white in Tocqueville's America -- The New England township before the revolution: Tocqueville's American pastoral -- A second beginning: black and white in Tocqueville's America -- Difference, race, and color in America -- Maintaining American democracy -- The state, authority, and the people.
Sommario/riassunto	America after Tocqueville complements Harvey Mitchell's previous book, <i>Individual Choice and the Structures of History: Alexis de Tocqueville as Historian Reappraised</i> (1996). This study draws on Democracy in America to study the condition of democracy in the

United States in our own time. Three aspects of Americanism inform Harvey Mitchell's book, and cannot be separated from Tocqueville's consideration of the three races. First, he addresses tensions in the United States between ideas of equality and a political system that tries to keep it within bounds. He turns to the relationship between this system and the dynamics of American capitalism. and he analyses the criteria for inclusion and exclusion in American life. Overall, he asks if Americans have surrendered to what Tocqueville called the materialization of life; if that compromise means their abandonment of their original spiritual quest; and, if they are on the way to a radical alienation from politics.

---