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## 内容概要

The United States of America dominates the twenty-first-century world both in military and political power as well as in its cultural influence as a model of the "good life" and a desired destination for migration. This completely revised and updated second edition of *Contemporary America* provides an extremely broad-ranging introduction to the society, politics, economy, culture, and world role of the United States. The authors focus on the Clinton and George W. Bush presidencies--and in particular on the period since the terrorist attacks of 9/11/2001 which has been marked by a growing cultural division between a largely permissive, urban Democratic "Blue" America and a largely religious, rural, and Republican "Red" America. Illustrated throughout with relevant photographs, maps, charts, and tables, *Contemporary America* covers everything from rock music to national parks and from media corporations to social security. This is an ideal starting-point in American studies for students and general readers alike.

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Today, the Midwest is prospering with the resurgence of the automobile industry and the success of urban renewal projects to clean up and glamorize downtown regions for tourists and patrons of the arts. The economic highs of the 1990s brought prosperity, better jobs, more police protection, and lower crime rates which made the cities attractive again. Cleveland built the Rock-n-Roll Hall of Fame next to two new sports stadiums and a technology museum adjacent to where the cleaned-up Cuyahoga River flows into Lake Erie. Chicago remains central to the region as the third largest city in America and center for the nations commodities exchange. In 2001, Chicago put on an advertising blitz, announcing its intention of becoming the nations greenest and most environmentally friendly city by 2006. It is converting to solar and wind-powered generators to supply 20 percent of the citys energy needs, establishing bike paths, planting trees, subsidizing the installation of energy-efficient windows and doors, and raising fines on polluters, litterers and those who refuse to recycle ( AP, 2001a ). Such efforts are aimed at bringing new immigrants to the region. In 2001, for example, the state of Iowa, which is nearly 96 percent white and has the nations third oldest citizenry the average age is 58 - began a well-funded.

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