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# Länderbericht

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## Corona Update: USA (2) – aktuelle Studien, Analysen und Kommentare

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Die Corona-Krise hat über die erheblichen gesundheitlichen Risiken und Folgen hinaus weitreichende Auswirkungen auf die Wirtschaft, Sicherheit, Forschung, Innen- und Außenpolitik sowie das gesellschaftliche Leben in den Vereinigten Staaten. Namhafte US-amerikanische Think Tanks und Experten setzen sich intensiv mit den unterschiedlichen Aspekten und Herausforderungen dieser in ihrem Umfang und ihrer Schnelligkeit beispiellosen Krise auseinander. Für einen Überblick über den aktuellen Stand der Diskussion stellt das KAS-Auslandsbüro USA mit Sitz in Washington D.C. wöchentlich eine Auswahl an Studien, Analysen und Kommentaren jeweils mit Links zu den Beiträgen zusammen.

### “How Will Coronavirus Reshape Democracy and Governance Globally?”

Quelle: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (April 6, 2020)

Francis Z. Brown, Fellow; Saskia Brechenmacher, Fellow; Thomas Carothers, Harvey V. Fineberg Chair for Democracy Studies, Senior Vice President for Studies

The authors suggest in this commentary that the coronavirus pandemic will likely have a transformative impact on multiple dimensions of democratic politics and on governance more broadly. They state that „...the new coronavirus pandemic is not only wreaking destruction on public health and the global economy but disrupting democracy and governance worldwide. Global leaders should prepare to respond quickly“.

[https://carnegieendowment.org/2020/04/06/how-will-coronavirus-reshape-democracy-and-governance-globally-pub-81470?utm\\_source=carnegieemail&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=announcement&mkt\\_tok=eyJpIjoiTWpVMk5URXdZMlV5TXpGailsInQiOjR5S0MeEN-LVGt3cFVzV09laXBIOUJaUWVaWlJDWWMwZnRlV2tiXC9EN0xiMjIyOZkVWMrNEkwZERINmw3azY5Q](https://carnegieendowment.org/2020/04/06/how-will-coronavirus-reshape-democracy-and-governance-globally-pub-81470?utm_source=carnegieemail&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=announcement&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTWpVMk5URXdZMlV5TXpGailsInQiOjR5S0MeEN-LVGt3cFVzV09laXBIOUJaUWVaWlJDWWMwZnRlV2tiXC9EN0xiMjIyOZkVWMrNEkwZERINmw3azY5Q)

[m0rU1gyZ0U1YmJSRmNicXZ4R25YQVRkR1dnbzZlUTQ1THRGYlhFa3Fpc2tuRyt5dGVhOHRpXC9FVm1rQTQ3cmxClN0%3D](https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2020/04/06/stretching-the-international-order-to-its-breaking-point/?utm_campaign=Brookings%20Brief&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email)

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### “Stretching the International Order to its Breaking Point”

Quelle: The Brookings Institution (April 6, 2020)

Thomas Wright, Director, Center of the U.S. and Europe

The author argues that the greatest error geopolitical analysts can make is believing that the crisis will be over in three to four months. In a long crisis, he lays out how all “countries will emerge profoundly changed... [and will] expose which countries are competent.” In case of the U.S., he points out that “President Trump is singularly ill-equipped to handle the pandemic.” Praise in handling the pandemic is given to a few countries, including Germany “in showing signs of competency, particularly in testing.”

[https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2020/04/06/stretching-the-international-order-to-its-breaking-point/?utm\\_campaign=Brookings%20Brief&utm\\_source=hs\\_email&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2020/04/06/stretching-the-international-order-to-its-breaking-point/?utm_campaign=Brookings%20Brief&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email)

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## "An Eroding European Union"

Quelle: Center for Strategic and International Studies (April 6, 2020)

Heather Conley, Senior Vice President for Europe, Eurasia and the Arctic at CSIS

Heather Conley predicts that the coronavirus will alter the European Union considerably in her analysis for the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Conley examines the political and economic impact of the pandemic on European countries and the pressure on democratic structures which are in "decline" in several of the EU member countries. Conley says: „The economic divisions between the prosperous North and the poorer South are put in sharp contrast.“ Conley envisions two very different paths forward.

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/eroding-european-union>

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## "Coronavirus Lessons from New York and San Francisco"

Quelle: The Brookings Institution (April 7, 2020)

Indermit Gill, Non-Resident Sr. Fellow at the Brookings Institution

Indermit Gill, Non-Resident Sr. Fellow at the Brookings Institution, Professor at Duke University and former Director for Development Policy at the World Bank, compares recent developments in San Francisco and New York with regard to COVID-19. He suggests that California has been the best performer among U.S. states that have had at least ten COVID-19 deaths; New York has been the worst. But these are big states and they differ in many aspects, writes Prof. Gill. He emphasizes that it is more informative to compare cities of similar size but have fared differently in dealing with the disease. Two obvious candidates are New York City and San Francisco, the most densely populated cities in these states and the

two densest large cities in the U.S. Here is his blogpost:

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/future-development/2020/04/07/coronavirus-lessons-from-new-york-and-san-francisco/>

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## "COVID-19: China Medical Supply Chains and Broader Trade Issues"

Quelle: Congressional Research Service (April 6, 2020)

The report outlines the ways in which the U.S. economy depends on manufacturing and supply chains based in China in light of the outbreak of Covid-19. It aims to assess current developments and to identify immediate and longer range China trade issues for Congress. Among the considerations advanced are for Congress are to incentivize additional production of health supplies, diversify production, address other supply chain dependencies (e.g. microelectronics), fill information and data gaps, and promote U.S. leadership on global health and trade issues.

<https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R46304>

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## "Younger Americans View Coronavirus Outbreak More as a Major Threat to Finances Than Health"

Quelle: Pew Research Center (April 7, 2020)

Bradley Jones, Research Associate, U.S. Politics and Policy, Pew Research Center

A survey conducted in late March finds that fewer Americans view the outbreak of COVID-19 as a threat to their health than to their finances, especially those under age 30. Aside from the age gap in threat perception of the outbreak of the coronavirus, the study also finds noticeable partisan differences. Democrats and Democratic-leaning perceive the coronavirus outbreak to be a greater threat to their personal health and finances than Republicans or Republican-leaning. This also affects attitudes towards social distancing along

party lines, gender, as well as other demographic factors.

<https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2020/04/07/younger-americans-view-coronavirus-outbreak-more-as-a-major-threat-to-finances-than-health/>

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### "How to Protect Both Public Health and Privacy - Fighting COVID-19 Does Not Have to Mean Abandoning the Right to Privacy"

Quelle: Freedom House (April 6, 2020)

Allie Funk, Research Analyst, Freedom on the Net

Allie Funk writes that governments all over the world have been experimenting with new initiatives using massive amounts of data "to monitor infections, trace infected people's contacts, ensure quarantine compliance, and map the spread of the disease." While these efforts may help save lives, the author also identifies the risk that new health-related monitoring programs might create pervasive surveillance, possibly violating individual rights.

Funk advocates testing such monitoring programs for necessity and proportionality, oversight, transparency, as well as sunseting and limiting data collection, access, and use.

<https://freedomhouse.org/article/how-protect-both-public-health-and-privacy>

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### "Digital Policy for Physical Distancing: 28 Stimulus Proposals That Will Pay Long-Term Dividends"

Quelle: Information Technology & Innovation Foundation (April 6, 2020)

Robert D. Atkinson, President; Doug Brake, Director, Broadband and Spectrum Policy; Daniel Castro, Vice President and Director, Center for Data Innovation; Stephen Ezell, Vice President, Global Innovation Policy

According to the authors, "the COVID-19 pandemic has revealed gaps in society's digital readiness for social distancing. If policymakers seize the opportunity to address these gaps, they can make it easier to manage the next pandemic while providing significant long-term social and economic benefits."

To this end, the report identifies several recommendations for government, including the development of foundational digital platforms (universal broadband, 5G, digital IDs), the increased funding of key technologies (robotics, autonomous vehicles, 3D printing, AI, blockchain, IOT, and facial recognition), the support of digital transformation for remote activity in key sectors, and to invest in digital resiliency to better prepare for future pandemics.

[https://itif.org/publications/2020/04/06/digital-policy-physical-distancing-28-stimulus-proposals-will-pay-long-term?mc\\_cid=cce7102685&mc\\_eid=31ebb75d55](https://itif.org/publications/2020/04/06/digital-policy-physical-distancing-28-stimulus-proposals-will-pay-long-term?mc_cid=cce7102685&mc_eid=31ebb75d55)

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### "As Newsrooms Face Coronavirus-Related Cuts, 54% of Americans Rate Media's Response to the Outbreak Positively"

Quelle: Pew Research Center (April 8, 2020)

John Gramlich, senior editor

The majority of Americans rate the media's coverage of the coronavirus pandemic positively, finds this Pew Research Center study. Although opinions vary depending on the news sources Americans consume, with network TV and print media receiving the highest marks while social media sources are rated poorly. The author finds that at this time when the public's interest in news coverage is very high, many news organizations are facing intense financial pressure and have announced furloughs and layoffs.

<https://www.journalism.org/2020/04/08/as-newsrooms-face-coronavirus-related-cuts-54-of-americans-rate-medias-response-to-the-outbreak-positively/>

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**Weitere Kurzbeiträge:****“The Coronavirus Pandemic Will Forever Alter the World Order”**

Quelle: Wall Street Journal (April 3, 2020)

Henry Kissinger, ehemaliger US-Außenminister

Henry Kissinger urges the U.S. to “protect its citizens from the disease while starting the urgent work of planning for a new epoch.” He questions whether the U.S. is addressing the COVID-19 pandemic with an “ultimate national purpose.” Kissinger lays out three steps for leaders to build for the future: (1) Shore up global resilience to infectious disease; (2) address the crisis in the world economy; and (3) safeguard the principles of the liberal world order.

[https://www.wsj.com/articles/the-coronavirus-pandemic-will-forever-alter-the-world-order-11585953005?mc\\_cid=dccf9f6021&mc\\_eid=29e6573af9](https://www.wsj.com/articles/the-coronavirus-pandemic-will-forever-alter-the-world-order-11585953005?mc_cid=dccf9f6021&mc_eid=29e6573af9)

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**“Saving Lives in America, China and Around the World”**

Quelle: Asia Society (April 3, 2020)

Madeleine Albright, former U.S. Secretary of State, et al.

Asia Society's Center on U.S.-China Relations and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century China Center at UC San Diego's School of Global Policy and Strategy put out a statement signed by more than 90 opinion leaders - including Madeleine Albright, Francis Fukuyama, and Chuck Hagel - to show that there is broad bipartisan support in the U.S. to cooperate with China in “finding the resolve to work together to contain and defeat the virus at home and abroad.”

<https://asiasociety.org/center-us-china-relations/saving-lives-america-china-and-around-world>

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**“Coronavirus and the Future of Surveillance - Democracies Must Offer an Alternative to Authoritarian Solutions”**

Quelle: Foreign Affairs (April 6, 2020)

Nicholas Wright, University College London, New America, and Georgetown University Medical Center

In this article, Wright argues that “Western liberal democracies are looking to China’s tools for limiting the outbreak and wondering whether they should adopt some of those authoritarian methods,” and forecasts that “the overlap of these two global disruptions — the epidemiological and the technological — will shape the next few years of global history.”

[https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/2020-04-06/coronavirus-and-future-surveillance?utm\\_medium=newsletters&utm\\_source=fatoday&utm\\_content=20200406&utm\\_campaign=FA\\_TODAY\\_040620%20The%20Future%20of%20Surveillance%2C%20Europe%E2%80%99s%20Economic%20Response%20to%20the%20Pandemic%2C%20Afghanistan%E2%80%99s%20Elusive%20Peace&utm\\_term=FA%20Today%20-%20112017](https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/2020-04-06/coronavirus-and-future-surveillance?utm_medium=newsletters&utm_source=fatoday&utm_content=20200406&utm_campaign=FA_TODAY_040620%20The%20Future%20of%20Surveillance%2C%20Europe%E2%80%99s%20Economic%20Response%20to%20the%20Pandemic%2C%20Afghanistan%E2%80%99s%20Elusive%20Peace&utm_term=FA%20Today%20-%20112017)

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**“The Technology That Could Free America From Quarantine”**

The Atlantic (April 7, 2020)

Derek Thompson, Staff Writer

While admitting that the technology and privacy challenges of tracing will be complex, and “could normalize a level of surveillance,” Thompson argues that “our best hope in the fight against the coronavirus is to play a game of sophisticated Whack-a-Mole that often goes by the name of “test and trace,” using GPS, Bluetooth and cellular data shed by millions of mobile phones. Thompson asserts that test and trace seemed to work, pointing to the examples of Singapore and South Korea, who had reduced COVID-19 deaths rather successfully. However, the data generated by

tracing apps would also be "tantalizing for power-hungry governments and data-hungry corporations to monopolize."

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/04/contact-tracing-could-free-america-from-its-quarantine-nightmare/609577/>

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## "Coronavirus is 'the Super Bowl of Disinformation'"

Quelle: GZERO Media (April 07, 2020)

Alex Kliment, GZERO Media, Danny Rogers, Co-Founder, the Global Disinformation Index

This interview covers misinformation online, "from scammers and con artists looking to profit off the pandemic to state actors spreading myths for geopolitical gain."

<https://www.gzeromedia.com/coronavirus-covid19-global-disinformation-index-danny-rogers>

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## "See How Your Community is Moving Around Differently Due to COVID-19"

Source: Google (April 2020, ongoing)

Google recently launched a website that utilizes users cellphone data to track the movement people across specific geographic regions visualizing changes in their mobility and destinations. Google states that "these Community Mobility Reports aim to provide insights into what has changed in response to policies aimed at combating COVID-19."

<https://www.google.com/covid19/mobility/>

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## Für die aktuellen Zahlen zur Corona-Krise in den USA:

The Centers for Disease Control:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

The Johns Hopkins University:

<https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>

The New York Times:

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html>