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Corona Update: USA (21) – 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.

„The ethics of reopening amidst COVID-19“

Quelle: Medical Economics (August 18, 2020)

Tia Powell, M.D., Fellow of the Hastings Center and bioethicist and psychiatrist at Montefiore Health Systems and Albert Einstein College of Medicine

There is tension across the United States when it comes to protecting population health and protecting economic health. The author of the [article](#) argues that these two goals are not mutually exclusive. The bioethicist Powell goes on to state that reopening must be rooted in a rational decision-making process, not one based on fear or idealized aspirations. A failure to root decisions in that type of process would be ultimately a moral failure, states the author.

“The Sun Belt’s COVID-19 surge stalls economic recovery in the region“

Quelle: The Brookings Institution (August 14, 2020)

Sarah Crump, Research Assistant, Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program; MaryAnn Placheril, Research Intern, Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program

This [blog](#) describes that the Sun Belt’s labor market initially fared better during the pandemic than other places in the U.S, but that “starting in June and continuing into July, the Sun Belt experienced a surge in cases, leading mayors and governors to scale back their reopening plans.” The authors conclude that “hopes for a quick economic recovery in those regions have dissipated.”

„In Responding to Coronavirus, We Should Seek to Thrive, Not Just Survive“

Quelle: The Heritage Foundation (August 19, 2020)

Melissa Moschella, Visiting Fellow, Simon Center for American Studies

In this [commentary](#), the author argues that “fear of death should not prevent us, individually or as a society, from seeking to lead a fully flourishing human life.” Moschella also maintains that the coronavirus pandemic has caused a dramatic rise in mental health problems and that suicide rates might “spike.”

“Who Will Pay for COVID-19 Hospital Care: Looking at Payers Across States”

Quelle: The Commonwealth Fund (August 18, 2020)

Sherry A. Glied, Dean, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University, et al.

The authors’ estimate that “by October 31, 2020, the U.S. will spend approximately \$24 billion on inpatient COVID-19 care, amounting to 0.6 percent of projected 2019 national health outlays.” This [blog post](#) looks at costs of inpatient COVID-19 care and reimbursement amounts for the entire U.S. and specifically for California, New York, Florida, and Texas. The authors argue that hospitals primarily serving seniors and low-income groups “have faced much greater demands for care, while receiving lower reimbursement for the care that they deliver.”

„These States Aren’t Waiting for the Feds to Create COVID-19 Worker Safety Rules“

Quelle: Pew Charitable Trusts (August 19, 2020)

Sophie Quinton, Staff Writer

In this edition of Pew’s stateline [blog](#), the author reports that, “in the absence of federal action, some (...) states are creating safety rules to protect workers from catching the coronavirus while on the job.” According to Quinton, there are no national standards for employment safety rules

and “the U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has no plans to create a national safety standard.”

“20 Ways Cities Can Promote Safe and Effective Elections in November”

Quelle: Center for American Progress (CAP, August 17, 2020)

Danielle Root, Associate Director, Voting Rights and Access to Justice

According to Danielle Root, cities play an important role in helping to ensure that during the coronavirus pandemic, Americans can make their voices heard in the upcoming election in November. Her [article](#) lists 20 tangible recommendation for cities to follow in doing so which address the unique challenges posed during this election cycle.

“Voters Are Souring on President Trump’s Handling of Coronavirus, with Implications for November”

Quelle: Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF, August 17, 2020)

Ashley Kirzinger, Associate Director, Public Opinion and Survey Research, et al.

In this [analysis](#) of a Kaiser Family Foundation survey of voters, the authors write that while 61% of voters disapprove of President Trump’s handling of the coronavirus and 35% approve, they didn’t find a big difference between citizens living in coronavirus hotspots versus those living in states with lower case numbers.

“How the pandemic is throwing international reporting into crisis”

Quelle: Poynter Institute (August 17, 2020)

Megan Janetsky, Freelance Foreign Correspondent

The coronavirus has created a “devastating cocktail of economic turmoil” and heightened risks that throw the fate of foreign reporting into jeopardy, says the author. In this [article](#) for the Poynter Institute, the author describes how her work as a freelance foreign correspondent is impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

“The 1918 Influenza Pandemic and its Lessons for COVID-19”

Quelle: National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER, August 17, 2020)

Brian Beach, Department of Economics, Vanderbilt University, et al.

According to NBER, “this [article](#) [downloadable [here](#)] reviews the global health and economic consequences of the 1918 influenza pandemic, with a particular focus on topics that have seen a renewed interest because of COVID-19.” The authors discuss epidemiological details, as well as effects on mortality, fertility, and the economy. The paper also delves into non-pharmaceutical interventions and “longer-lasting health consequences and their impact on human capital accumulation and socioeconomic status.”

“Will the coronavirus permanently convert in-person worshippers to online streamers? They don’t think so”

Quelle: Pew Research Center (August 17, 2020)
Alan Cooperman, Director of Religious Research

One-third of U.S. adults have watched religious services online or on television in the past month, and a little over half of them – or 18% of all adults – say they began doing this for the first time dur-

ing the coronavirus pandemic. This [article](#) presents the findings of a Pew Research Center survey of Americans’ worshipping preferences.

“Is Insecurity Undermining the Coronavirus Response? Evidence from Nigeria”

Quelle: United States Institute of Peace (USIP, August 18, 2020)

Aly Verjee, Researcher and Fellow at the Rift Valley Institute

The author of the [article](#), outlines and highlights the findings of a USIP commissioned survey on the handling of Covid-19 in Nigeria. Among the findings are that there is a relationship between violent conflict and the coronavirus response. The data shows that victims of violence are more likely to distrust Nigeria government’s response to coronavirus and less supportive of measures to mitigate Covid-19. The survey also reveals that WHO is the most trusted actor to respond to the pandemic. Also, the view of the U.S. standing during the pandemic compared to China has, according to the study, declined.

Weitere Kurzbeiträge:

“How the WHO can earn back US support”

Quelle: American Enterprise Institute (AEI, August 14, 2020)

Danielle Pletka, Senior Fellow, AEI

In her [op-ed](#) about the World Health Organization, Pletka writes “in a global pandemic, an impartial, science-oriented, competently led, transnational health organization is vital.” The author gives examples for her criticism of the “WHO’s failures” amidst the coronavirus pandemic and calls for reforms.

„Which Job Losses Are Permanent?“

Quelle: American Action Forum (August 18, 2020)

Douglas Holtz-Eakin, President

Douglas Holtz-Eakin's [article](#) provides a brief overview of which jobs and job sectors are likely permanently lost as a result of the COVID-19 related economic downturn and finds that industries whose economic lives have been fundamentally altered will experience the most permanent job losses.

“More Stimulus Checks: An Expensive Political Stunt“

Quelle: American Institute for Economic Research (August 15, 2020)

Alan Reynolds, Senior Fellow at the Cato Institute, formerly Director of Economic Research at the Hudson Institute

In his [commentary](#) on what the next U.S. federal economic stimulus should include, Reynolds states "When it comes to Economic Impact Payments the economically optimal amount is zero" as, according to him, such payments present an artificial obstacle for Americans to reenter the workforce.

“Latinx and the Digital Economy, During and After COVID“

Quelle: New America (August 14, 2020)

Hector Mujica, Economic Opportunity Lead, Americas at Google.org

The COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated structural shifts in the U.S. economy, creating some unique challenges for Latino communities. In his [blog post](#), Hector Mujica discusses how the U.S. can build a more equitable digital economy in which Latino Americans can experience more inclusion.

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>

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