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Corona Update: USA (25) – 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 Health, Economic, and Political Challenges Facing Latin America and the Caribbean"

Quelle: Peterson Institute for International Economics (PIIE, September 15, 2020)

Monica de Bolle, Sr. fellow

In her prepared [testimony](#) delivered before the US House Committee on Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade hearing, the author analyzes the multiple economic challenges facing Latin America and the Caribbean due to the pandemic. "...[B]ecause of weak leadership, poor capacity, and because some leaders—including President Andrés Manuel López Obrador in Mexico and President Jair Bolsonaro in Brazil—minimized the dangers posed by a new and emerging disease...[...], the impact in Latin America has been widespread and tragic," testifies de Bolle, former director for Latin American studies and emerging markets at the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University.

"The Pacific Islands Are a Covid-19 Priority"

Quelle: Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS, Sept. 15, 2020)

Gregory B. Poling, Sr. Fellow; Andreyka Natalegawa, program coordinator Southeast Asia program

According to the authors, the Pacific Islands have so far been spared large-scale Covid-19 outbreaks, but the region is nonetheless being battered by the downstream effects of the pandemic. "The Covid-19 pandemic has given Beijing and Taipei cause to step up their diplomatic competition in the Pacific Islands...[but] Australia, New Zealand, and the United States remain the partners of choice for most of the region...Washington and its partners should continue to prioritize the region for the months, and likely years, it will take to fully recover from the effects of the pandemic," write Poling and Natalegawa in their [commentary](#).

"COVID-19 has revealed the cost of disrupted education and child care inequality"

Quelle: Atlantic Council (September 14, 2020)

Nicole Goldin, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Global Business & Economics Program

In this [opinion piece](#) for the Atlantic Council, the author writes about "a strong link between the education and employment crises". There is a worldwide trend that "especially girls or young people from poor households or those without digital access" will not return to school this fall. According to the author the COVID-19 pandemic reinforces the gender gap, but it also provides societies with "the opportunity to reimagine education".

"Local Climate Action in US Proves Resilient to COVID-19"

Quelle: World Resources Institute (WRI, September 14, 2020)

John Feldman, Research Analyst, et.al.

In the U.S. market shifts continue to accelerate the transition to clean energy, despite the global pandemic and resulting economic downturn, according to the authors. In their [article](#), researchers from WRI take a closer look at how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the United States' ability to achieve its 2030 climate objectives and their outlook is positive.

"COVID-19 Racial Disparities in Testing, Infection, Hospitalization, and Death: Analysis of Epic Patient Data"

Quelle: Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF, September 16, 2020)

Lily Rubin-Miller, MPH, Epic Health Research Network, et al.

In this [issue brief](#) by the Kaiser Family Foundation, experts are presenting the results of their analysis of data in the Epic health record. It shows that while there is no big difference in testing rates among different racial and ethnic groups, Black, Hispanic and Asian patients have a significantly higher rate of infection, hospitalization and death.

"New Census Data: Anti-Poverty Agenda Must Address COVID-19, Young People, and Systemic Racial Inequities"

Quelle: The Center for Law and Social Policy (September 15, 2020)

Hannah Matthews, Deputy Executive Director for Policy

In this [report](#) on recently released Census Data, the author claims that the U.S. Census Bureau cautions that "the pandemic did impact response rates for survey data that were collected in March 2020, and that a large share of children and young adults experienced poverty at critical developmental moments." The report also argues that while "effects of systemic racism were evident long before the pandemic hit, the disproportionate impacts of the current public health and economic crises have dramatically deepened racial inequities."

"COVID-19: Still a New York Story"

Quelle: The Heritage Foundation (September 17, 2020)

Dough Badger, Visiting Fellow in Domestic Policy Studies; Norbert Michel, Director, Center for Data Analysis

The [report](#) analyses the spread and containment of covid-19 in New York City and concludes that comparing New York's public policy record to recent case surges in Florida, Arizona, Texas, or California is misleading and overlooks stark differences among the states. The author further goes

on to argue that “there is also considerable empirical evidence that the relaxation of lockdowns had substantially less effect on public behavior than is widely assumed.”

“Refocusing US Grand Strategy on Pandemic and Environmental Mass Destruction”

Quelle: Washington Quarterly vol. 43, issue 3 (September 15, 2020)

Bruce W. Jentleson, Professor of Public Policy at Duke University

In this [study](#), Bruce W. Jentleson examines multiple factors that have not been addressed in recent administration's long-term strategies. According to him, the paradigm of great power competition (GPC) has resurged as it relates to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has killed more Americans than Vietnam, the Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq wars combined. Furthermore, environmental destruction now poses a greater threat than nuclear warfare, Jentleson states. In his article he drafts criteria for a new U.S. grand strategy focused on pandemic and climate change prevention "P-EMD" rather than over a GPC one.

“Wanted: Poll Workers Able to Brave the Pandemic”

Quelle: Pew Charitable Trusts (September 15, 2020)

Elaine S. Povich, Staff Writer

This [article](#) states that due to health concerns during the pandemic, election officials in many states are “anticipating severe shortages of people to run the polls on Nov. 3 and that the shortage may lead to long lines or even numerous poll locations being closed.” The article shares examples from different states and several efforts to recruit poll workers. The author also states that according to a federal agency survey from 2018,

poll volunteer recruitment was already deemed “somewhat” to “very difficult” by 70% of responding jurisdictions then.

“Training during and after COVID-19”

Quelle: The Brookings Institution (September 15, 2020)

Marcus Casey, Nonresident fellow, Economic Studies

This [paper](#) asks which jobs would actually come back after the recession sparked by the coronavirus and posits that “while the pre-COVID trends in technological adoption were already present, the severity and persistence of the pandemic will likely accelerate the adoption of such technologies.” The author also describes that the pandemic “increased innovation in areas such as contactless customer service and delivery, robotic warehouse management and order fulfillment, and automated food service.” The paper also summarizes expert-responses regarding training in the COVID-19 era before the backdrop of automation and AI.

“Here are the newsroom layoffs, furloughs and closures caused by the coronavirus”

Quelle: Poynter Institute (last updated September 17, 2020)

Kristen Hare, Editor Locally

The Poynter Institute has been keeping a [tally](#) of newsroom closings, lay-offs and furloughs of journalists since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The author tracks the losses and shows the impact of the pandemic on the media in the U.S.

Weitere Kurzbeiträge:

“IMF Lending During the Pandemic and Beyond”

Quelle: International Monetary Fund (IMF, September 17, 2020)

Robert Gregory, Deputy Unit Chief for Strategy Policy and Review Department, et al.

In this [blog](#) the authors provide an overview of the work the IMF has done up-to-date: i.e., provide financial assistance, mainly through emergency lending and precautionary lending tools, to about 80 countries. Looking into the future, the authors give insight into the new tools being considered by the IMF, where e.g., lending programs seek to rebuild financial safety nets, and deal with the immediate aftermath of the pandemic.

“Majority of Americans disapprove of Trump’s COVID-19 messaging, though large partisan gaps persist”

Quelle: Pew Research Center (September 15, 2020)

Mark Jurkowitz, American News Pathways writer

In Pew’s latest [report](#) on President Trump’s COVID-19 response approval ratings, the findings confirm that over half of Americans believe the President has been delivering the wrong message about the coronavirus outbreak. In light of Woodward’s statements about the president in his recent book, the query also asserts that Americans no longer rely on Trump or his administration for information on the COVID-19 and have turned to other sources such as the CDC as their primary source of information. Yet, according to this research, wide partisan gaps persist in who believes the President is getting the facts right and not.

“Disappointing Results from Taskforce on Telehealth”

Quelle: CATO Institute (September 16, 2020)

Shirley Svorny, Adjunct Scholar

In this [article](#) the scholar comments on the recently released “*Taskforce on Telehealth Policy Findings and Recommendations.*” According to the author, the recommendations failed to mention the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact to address license portability.

“USDA, Meatpacking Industry Collaborated to Undermine COVID-19 Response, FOIA Docs Show”

Quelle: Public citizen (September 15, 2020)

No author given

According to public citizen, a nonprofit consumer advocacy organization, The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the meatpacking industry worked together to downplay and disregard risks to worker health during the pandemic, as shown in documents uncovered by Public Citizen and American Oversight through Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. “While we knew that the meatpacking industry was lobbying the Trump administration to take steps to protect its profits regardless of the cost to workers’ lives, the degree of collaboration these documents show is astounding,” said Adam Pulver, attorney for Public Citizen, in this [article](#).

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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