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# Länderbericht

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## Juni Corona Update: 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. monatlich eine Auswahl an Studien, Analysen und Kommentaren jeweils mit Links zu den Beiträgen zusammen. Die bisherigen Ausgaben des Corona Update: USA finden Sie [hier](#).

### “Vaccine passports underscore the necessity of U.S. privacy legislation”

Quelle: Brookings Institution (June 28, 2021)

Nicol Turner Lee, Senior Fellow, Governance Studies and Director, Center for Technology Innovation; Samantha Lai, Research Assistant, Center for Technology Innovation; Emily Skahill, Research Intern, Center for Technology Innovation

According to the authors of this [report](#), as the current debate over digital health certificates becomes more prominent, the conversations should start with data privacy, especially if such technological solutions are being done in the public interest. The authors conclude “that the future of the nation’s pandemic recovery may depend on providing evidence of vaccinations while also protecting personal privacy.”

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### “People in Advanced Economies Say Their Society Is More Divided Than Before Pandemic”

Quelle: Pew Research Center (June 23, 2021)

Moira Fagan, Research Analyst; Kat Devlin, Research Associate; Aidan Connaughton, Research Assistant

This Pew [research](#) shows that most people believe their society is more divided now than before the pandemic. This survey was conducted in 17 advanced economies and claims that while a median of 34% feel more united, about six-in-ten report that national divisions have worsened since the outbreak began. The research also indicates that in 12 of 13 countries surveyed in both 2020 and 2021, feelings of division have increased significantly, in some cases by more than 30 percentage points.

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### “Open Letter to G7 Leaders: A G7 Action Plan to Ensure the World is Vaccinated Quickly and Equitably”

Quelle: Center for Strategic and International Studies (June 9, 2021)

J. Stephen Morrison, Senior Vice President and Director, Global Health Policy Center, Center for Strategic and International Studies; et al.

This [letter's](#) co-signatory institutions (including the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Duke University, the Center for Global Development and the COVID Collaborative) proclaim that "G7 members must use their unparalleled political and financial might, their combined vaccine expertise and manufacturing capacities, and their proven ability to shape the world's response to global public health emergencies, to accelerate global equitable access to highly effective vaccines."

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### **"Disease-Related Stigmas, Their Origins, Their Persistence, and Have We Learned Anything to Stop Them? A Comparative Look at HIV/AIDS and COVID-19"**

Quelle: Wilson Center (June 23, 2021)

Moderator: Alex Long, Program Associate, Wilson Center, Science and Technology Innovation Program

Panelists: Ryan Ubuntu Olson, Technical Advisor-Gender and Human Rights, Palladium  
Thurka Sangaramoorthy, Associate Professor, University of Maryland College Park  
Sherry C. Wang, Associate Professor of Counseling Psychology, Santa Clara University

This [event](#) discusses the history of disease-related stigmas and their effects on policy. According to the Wilson Center, "stigmas are not a micro problem but a macro one that can shift public opinion and by proxy political will." This discussion highlights the obstacles to mitigating scapegoating on the basis of disease and what can be done to prepare vulnerable populations for the next pandemic.

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### **"COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Adults — United States, December 14, 2020–May 22, 2021"**

Quelle: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (June 25, 2021)

This CDC [report](#) shows that by May 22, 2021, 57.0% of U.S. adults aged 18 years had received at least one vaccine dose and that coverage was lower and increased more slowly over time among younger adults. The CDC further states that if the current rate of vaccination continues through August, coverage among young adults would remain substantially lower than among older adults and that efforts to improve vaccination coverage were needed, especially among younger adults, to reduce COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths.

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### **"Will the World Ever Solve the Mystery of COVID-19's Origin?"**

Quelle: Council on Foreign Relations (June 3, 2021)

Claire Felter, Senior Copy Editor/Writer

The author of this [backgrounder](#) states that so far, strong evidence is lacking to support any of the hypotheses about how the new coronavirus spread to humans, whether inside or outside a laboratory. She also shows that although a growing number of national governments and scientists are calling for further investigation, China rejects the idea that COVID-19 originated on its territory. According to the backgrounder, scientists say uncovering the virus's origin is important to better understand the risk levels of different human behaviors and prevent the next outbreak.

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### **"China's Role in the Spread of COVID-19"**

Quelle: Hudson Institute (May 10, 2021)

David Asher, Senior Fellow

In an [interview](#) on BBC World One, David Asher discusses investigations into the origins of COVID-19 and evidence that, according to the

Hudson Institute, suggest the CCP's involvement in the catastrophic spread of the virus.

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### “Latest Data on COVID-19 Vaccinations by Race/Ethnicity”

Quelle: Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) (June 30, 2021)

Nambi Ndugga, Policy Analyst, Racial Equity and Health Policy Program, et al.

“To provide greater insight into who is receiving the vaccine and whether some groups are facing disparities in vaccination,” KFF is collecting and analyzing state-reported data on COVID-19 vaccinations by race/ethnicity. This [analysis](#) examines how the vaccinations have been distributed by race/ethnicity and the share of the total population vaccinated by race/ethnicity. It also assesses trends in these data since March 1.

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### “Will Students Come Back? - School Hesitancy Among Parents and Their Preferences for COVID-19 Safety Practices in Schools”

Quelle: RAND Corporation (June 2021)

Heather L. Schwartz, Director, Pre-K to 12 Educational Systems Program, Senior Policy Researcher; Melissa Kay Diliberti, Assistant Policy Researcher, RAND; Ph.D. Candidate, Pardee RAND Graduate School; David Grant, Director, RAND American Life Panel; Co-Director, RAND American Educator Panels, Senior Social/Behavioral Scientist

In this [research](#), RAND researchers surveyed 2,015 parents of children age 5–18 in May 2021 about their willingness to send their children to school in person in fall 2021. RAND finds that 84 percent of parents surveyed planned to send their children to school in person in fall 2021. The

authors also claim that black and Hispanic parents were most hesitant about sending their children back for in-person schooling in fall 2021.

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### “How Domestic Budget Shortfalls Due to COVID-19 Impact Climate Action”

Quelle: World Resources Institute (WRI) (June 9, 2021)

Gaia Larsen, Director, Climate Finance Access and Deployment, Finance Center, et al.

According to this WRI [report](#), the pandemic threw developing countries' economies into disarray, causing many nations to lose revenue necessary for domestic public expenditures such as climate investments. The report shows that large sums of government budgets were re-appropriated to deal with the immediate consequences of the coronavirus, putting a crunch on remaining fiscal resources.

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### “Epidemiology, not geopolitics, should guide COVID-19 vaccine donations”

Quelle: Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) University of Washington (June, 2021)

Thomas J. Bollyky, Director of the Global Health Program, Council on Foreign Relations; Christopher J.L. Murray, Director, IHME; Bobby Reiner, PhD, Associate Professor, IHME

This [commentary](#) states that with COVID-19 vaccine supplies shifting from scarcity to abundance in high-income settings, such as Canada, the EU, the US, and the UK, the June meeting of the Group of Seven (G7) in Cornwall, UK, “is the time when leaders from those countries should act on their promises to send surplus COVID-19 vaccine supplies to the many other countries where doses remain scarce.”

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### “COVID and Cruises”

Quelle: CATO Institute (June 9, 2021)

Julian Sanchez, Senior Fellow

In this opinion [blog](#), Sanchez discusses policy debates about vaccination requirements (or their prohibition) with regards to cruise ship travel.

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### “America’s largest cities saw the sharpest population losses during the pandemic, new census data shows”

Quelle: Brookings Institution (June 8, 2021)

William H. Frey, Senior Fellow, Metropolitan Policy Program

In this [research](#), Frey states that the cities that showed the biggest negative growth between July 2019 and July 2020—the year the COVID-19 pandemic began—were those with populations exceeding 1 million and that the most recent year’s city growth declines gave further impetus to the suburban growth advantage that took root mid-way in the 2010s decade.

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### “COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout across US Congressional Districts”

Quelle: Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, Center for Geographic Analysis (June 30, 2021)

This Harvard [project](#) presents daily updates of vaccination metrics for U.S. Congressional Districts. Representatives and policymakers can use this data to understand how vaccine distribution is progressing in their respective Congressional District. This work also presents interactive dashboards that allow users to geographically visualize vaccination indicators.

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### “Osterholm Update: COVID-19 Episode 58: A Year at Sea”

Quelle: Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP), University of Minnesota, (June 10, 2021)

In this [podcast](#) episode, Dr. Osterholm and host Chris Dall discuss the international spread of COVID, the spread of the newest variant of concern, the ongoing virus origin controversy, the debate about immune passports, and a new segment on practical advice for listeners.

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### “Role of meteorological factors in the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in the United States”

Quelle: Nature Communications (June 14, 2021)

Yiqun Ma, Department of Environmental Health Sciences, Yale School of Public Health; et al.

This [study](#) examines the relationship between air temperature, specific humidity, and ultraviolet radiation and SARS-CoV-2 transmission in 2669 U.S. counties with abundant reported cases from March 15 to December 31, 2020. These findings indicate that cold and dry weather and low levels of ultraviolet radiation are moderately associated with increased SARS-CoV-2 transmissibility, with humidity playing the largest role.

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### “Intersecting Crises: Pandemic and Hurricanes Add to Political Instability Driving Migration from Honduras”

Quelle: Migration Policy Institute (June 10, 2021)

Ben Corson, independent journalist; Jeffrey Hallock, doctoral student international relations, American University

This [article](#) maintains that the twin crises of the pandemic and hurricanes laid bare the apparent

institutional dysfunction in Honduras's government. According to the authors, migration drivers in Honduras are complex and multifaceted but invariably point back to citizen dissatisfaction with and feelings of abandonment by the state. They conclude that addressing citizens' needs will likely be the first and most effective step to stemming emigration and improving humanitarian outcomes.

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**Für die aktuellen Zahlen zur Coronakrise in den USA:**

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

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