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März 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](#).

“Beating COVID-19: Transatlantic Scientific Cooperation during the Pandemic”

Quelle: Wilson Center (March 18, 2021)

In the U.S., multiple authorized vaccines are now available and many more candidate vaccines are in development. The [online event](#) addresses questions including: how have scientists and public health officials on both sides of the Atlantic cooperated to fight the pandemic? What more could the United States and Europe do to provide equitable access to vaccines around the world and enhance pandemic preparedness and response? What could we learn from each other?

“A Year Out: Addressing International Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic”

Quelle: Council on Foreign Relations (March 18, 2021)

Thomas J. Bollyky, Senior Fellow for Global Health, Economics, and Development and Director of the Global Health Program

This [testimony](#) before Congress provides an overview of the current engagement of the United States and its allies in addressing global inequities in vaccine distribution; emerging circumstances that justify increased U.S. engagement in coronavirus vaccine diplomacy; and a proposal for a U.S.-led initiative to increase the capacity, transparency, and resilience of vaccine manufacturing in order to meet U.S. and global needs.

“Persistent COVID-19: Exploring potential economic implications”

Quelle: Peterson Institute for International Economics (March 12, 2021)

Olivier Blanchard, C. Fred Bergsten Senior Fellow; Jean Pisani-Ferry, Nonresident Senior Fellow

The authors of this [blog](#) explore the three main economic implications of a scenario of recurrent outbreaks: lasting border restrictions, as countries try to protect themselves from infections elsewhere, the likelihood of repeated confinements and the enduring effects on the composition of both supply and demand.

“The Transatlantic Economy 2021 - Annual Survey of Jobs, Trade and Investment between the United States and Europe”

Quelle: Foreign Policy Institute, Johns Hopkins University SAIS and Woodrow Wilson Center (March 2021)

Daniel S. Hamilton, Distinguished Fellow and Director of the Global Europe Program, Woodrow Wilson Center and Joseph P. Quinlan, Senior Fellow, Transatlantic Leadership Network

Amongst other issues, this [report](#) tracks the economic impact of the pandemic and finds that despite transatlantic political turbulence and the COVID-19-induced recession, the U.S. and Europe remain each other’s most important markets. The transatlantic economy generates \$6.2 trillion in total commercial sales a year and employs up to 16 million workers in mutually “onshored” jobs on both sides of the Atlantic.

“The American Rescue Plan Act Greatly Expands Benefits through the Tax Code in 2021”

Quelle: Tax Foundation (March 12, 2021)

Garrett Watson, Senior Policy Analyst; Erica York, Economist

According to this [analysis](#) the U.S. has provided about \$6 trillion in total economic relief to the American people during the coronavirus pandemic, including \$1.9 trillion in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of March 11th. This amounts to about 27 percent of gross domestic product (GDP). Furthermore, the authors show that much of the economic relief in the American Rescue Plan is administered through the tax code in the form of direct payments (stimulus checks) and the expanded Child Tax Credit (CTC) in 2021.

“Public Libraries and the Pandemic - Digital Shifts and Disparities to Overcome”

Quelle: New America (March 1, 2021)

Lisa Guernsey, Director, Teaching, Learning & Tech Program; Sabia Prescott, Policy Analyst, Teaching, Learning & Tech Program; Claire Park, Program Associate, Open Technology Institute

This New America [snapshot study](#) provides data on how—or if—people were discovering, accessing, and using their public libraries during the COVID-19 pandemic, with a focus on materials that libraries made available online. The authors also explore how various libraries adapted to the crisis. The study also provides recommendations.

“Malgorithm - How Instagram's algorithm publishes misinformation and hate to millions during a pandemic”

Quelle: Center for Countering Digital Hate (March 9, 2021)

According to this [report](#), Instagram’s new algorithm, launched August 2020, published recommended posts containing vaccine misinformation to users not following “anti-vaxx” accounts. The authors also believe that the algorithm cross-fertilizes radical world views by publishing recommended posts about hate, conspiracies, and election disinformation.

“The fiscal policy response to the pandemic”

Quelle: Brookings Institution (March 24, 2021)

Christina D. Romer, Garff B. Wilson Professor of Economics, UC Berkeley

In this [paper](#), Romer argues that pandemic recessions are fundamentally different from ordinary

recessions, and thus require different policy responses. She writes that “the unique characteristics of a pandemic recession imply that fiscal policy during a pandemic should be geared much more toward helping those who are directly harmed rather than toward increasing aggregate demand more generally. That is, it should be aimed at providing social insurance rather than broad stimulus.”

“Vaccine Distribution, Harm Reduction, and Winding Down a Pandemic”

Quelle: CATO Institute (March 9, 2021)

Andrew Heaton, Comedian; Jeffrey A. Singer Senior Fellow, CATO

In this [podcast](#), Heaton and Singer discuss how governments have opted to distribute COVID-19 vaccines and what the end of this pandemic might look like.

“The German Corona Summit Strategy Has Failed”

Quelle: The American Institute for Contemporary German Studies (March 15, 2021)

Axel Spies, Attorney-at-law, Contributor

In this [piece](#), the author argues that “the decision-making process by Corona Summits is not transparent and its compliance with the Constitution questionable. The complicated measures of incidence values and opening steps imposed on the German population are difficult to understand and create resentment because there seems to be no end in sight. The trust of the population is dwindling”, states Spies.

“Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People”

Quelle: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (March 8, 2021)

This is the first set of public health [recommendations](#) for fully vaccinated people. According to the CDC, fully vaccinated people can visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing; visit with unvaccinated people from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing; and refrain from quarantine and testing following a known exposure if asymptomatic.

“The COVID-19 Vaccine & the New Era of Manufacturing”

Quelle: The Hill (March 15, 2021)

Speakers include:

Rep. Bill Foster (D-IL), Co-Sponsor, American Manufacturing Leadership Act; Rep. Dan Kildee (D-MI), Chief Deputy Whip; Member, Ways & Means Committee; Rep. Haley Stevens (D-MI), Co-Sponsor, American Manufacturing Leadership Act; Rep. Jackie Walorski (R-IN), Member, Ways & Means Committee; Member, Manufacturing Caucus; Rep. Brad Wenstrup, D.P.M (R-OH). (R-OH), Member, Ways & Means Committee; Member, GOP Doctors Caucus

Moderators:

Steve Clemons, Editor-at-Large, The Hill; Julia Manchester, Politics Reporter, The Hill

Questions raised during this [virtual event](#) included: what are the lessons learned in the past year while operating on constant escalated timelines? How are biopharmaceutical manufacturers prioritizing vaccines and continuing to produce other medicines at the same time? And what can traditional manufacturing competitors stepping in to fulfill vaccine production quotas teach us about cooperation in the name of common good?

“COVID vaccines: India and China’s new diplomatic currency”

Quelle: Atlantic Council (March 25, 2021)

Nitya Biyani, Program Assistant; Niels Graham Program Assistant

This [blog](#) discusses COVID-related diplomatic efforts by China and India and states that if the United States “truly wants to return to the world stage, as the Biden administration has promised, its diplomatic outreach must extend beyond its core allies. Vaccine diplomacy may be the best way for the United States to do just that.”

“Comparison between Patients Hospitalized with Influenza and COVID-19 at a Tertiary Care Center”

Quelle: Journal of General Internal Medicine (March 18, 2021)

Michael W. Donnino MD, Center for Resuscitation Science, Department of Emergency Medicine, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, et al.

The authors of this [research](#) claim that widespread reports suggest the characteristics and disease course of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and influenza differ, yet detailed comparisons of their clinical manifestations are lacking. They conclude that COVID-19 resulted in more weekly hospitalizations, higher morbidity, and higher mortality than influenza at the same hospital.

“COVID-19 Vaccination and the Multilateral Development Banks: Moving Towards a More Systematic and Strategic Approach”

Quelle: Center for Global Development (CGD) (March 25, 2021)

Amanda Glassman, Executive Vice President of CGD, CEO of CGD Europe, and Senior Fellow; Erin Collinson, Director of Policy Outreach; Janeen Madan Keller, Assistant Director, Global Health and Senior Policy Analyst

The authors of this [analysis](#) suggest that the World Bank ought to plan with shareholders and borrowing member countries for a long-haul effort to procure and distribute vaccines, given the potential that COVID-19 vaccine boosters could be needed down the line. Moreover, the authors state, the World Bank should pursue a more systematic and strategic approach to cooperation with global vaccine procurers, starting with COVAX, but considering efforts by PAHO/WHO, Gavi, the African Union, and other partners.

“Experts: 3-foot rule in schools problematic in light of COVID variants”

Quelle: Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy, University of Minnesota (March 25, 2021)

Stephanie Soucheray, MA, News Reporter, CIDRAP

This [reporting](#) discusses the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) guidance on school reopening, saying that 3 feet, not 6 feet, of physical distancing between students was sufficient. The author writes that several experts are now concerned that schools may be opening during an inflection point in the pandemic and “are being misguided about how to do so.”

“10 facts about Americans and coronavirus vaccines”

Quelle: Pew Research Center (March 23, 2021)

Cary Funk, Director, Science and Society Research; John Gramlich, Senior Writer/Editor

The pace of inoculations in the U.S. has accelerated in recent weeks as states have made vaccines available to larger portions of their populations. At the same time, not all Americans plan to get a shot even after they become eligible. This [research](#) highlights key facts about Americans' views about coronavirus vaccines, based on surveys by the Pew Research Center over the course of the pandemic.

“Serbia’s Vaccine Influence in the Balkans”

Quelle: Center for Strategic and International Studies (March 24, 2021)

Heather A. Conley, Senior Vice President for Europe, Eurasia, and the Arctic; and Director, Europe, Russia, and Eurasia Program; Dejana Saric, Research Assistant, Europe, Russia, and Eurasia Program

This [analysis](#) discusses that as vaccination campaigns roll out unevenly across the globe, Serbia has made “impressive progress immunizing its citizens.” Behind the United Kingdom but ahead of major EU member states in terms of vaccination rates, Serbia finds itself in a regionally powerful position. However, the text shows that other Western Balkan countries like Kosovo and Bosnia and Herzegovina are struggling with Covid-19 outbreaks.

“Wide Variation in How States Are Distributing COVID-19 Vaccine”

Quelle: Kaiser Family Foundation (March 23, 2021)

Jennifer Kates, Senior Vice President, et al.

This [map](#) shows that vaccine distribution has quickened in recent months as states have expanded eligibility to larger segments of the population, but “overall there is wide variation in which populations states are prioritizing for vaccination

and how they are distributing their vaccine supply.” The authors conclude that the vaccine rollout has progressed at different speeds in each state across the country.

“Teacher survey: Learning loss is global—and significant”

Quelle: McKinsey (March 24, 2021)

Jimmy Sarakatsannis, Partner, Washington, DC, et al.

This [survey](#) shows that while the education sectors' response to the COVID-19 pandemic has varied widely, many teachers agree on the high cost of remote learning, especially for vulnerable students.

“How Game Theory Could Solve the COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout Puzzle”

Quelle: RAND Corporation (March 11, 2021)

Luke Muggy, Associate Operations Researcher; Professor, Pardee RAND Graduate School

This [brief](#) argues that rather than rely on improvisation and on-the-fly decisionmaking, state authorities should consider turning to mathematics, and game theory specifically, as a tool that could prove to be the key to more efficient, faster vaccine distribution.

“An early warning approach to monitor COVID-19 activity with multiple digital traces in near real time”

Quelle: American Association for the Advancement of Science (March 5, 2021)

Nicole E. Kogan, Computational Health Informatics Program, Boston Children’s Hospital, Boston

and Department of Epidemiology, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Boston

This [research article](#) states that until effective vaccines are widely deployed, curbing COVID-19 will require carefully timed nonpharmaceutical interventions (NPIs). The authors evaluate digital data streams as early indicators of state-level COVID-19 activity from 1 March to 30 September 2020 and observed that increases in digital data stream activity anticipate increases in confirmed cases and deaths by 2 to 3 weeks.

Für die aktuellen Zahlen zur Coronakrise in den USA:

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

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