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November 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](#).

“The new airminded: Civil aviation’s post-pandemic transformation - Aviation’s future and its impact on a changing global commons”

Quelle: Atlantic Council (November 12, 2021)

Paul Saffo, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security, Scowcroft Strategy Initiative

This [report](#) states that air travel is undergoing a “stuttering rebound unfolding in concert with the COVID-19 pandemic’s ebbs and flows.” However, argues Saffo, this rebound conceals deeper transformations, as the pandemic has acted as a powerful force, accelerating some trends, eliminating others, and above all creating openings for entirely new airborne innovations.

“Global Omicron COVID variant detections rise as experts seek answers”

Quelle: Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP), University of Minnesota (November 29, 2021)

Lisa Schnirring, News Editor, CIDRAP News

This [article](#) indicates that with the number of countries reporting the Omicron (B.1.1.529) COVID-19 variant rising steadily and viral activity increasing in South Africa, the global health community is closely watching for new clues about whether other countries will see similar rises and if the variant will behave differently than earlier versions.

“What do we know about the new B.1.1.529 coronavirus variant and should we be worried?”

Quelle: Gavi – The Vaccine Alliance (November 26, 2021)

Linda Geddes, Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance

According to this [article](#), new variants are constantly emerging, and better surveillance systems will inevitably pick more of them up. Geddes argues that “many of these new variants fizzle out – including some of those previously considered VOIs. Unless B.1.1.529 is transmissible enough to outcompete the Delta variant, it may similarly disappear.”

“Global Health Data Sharing: The Case of China and the Two Coronavirus Pandemics”

Quelle: RAND Corporation (November 22, 2021)

Jennifer Bouey, Senior Policy Researcher, Tang Chair in China Policy Studies, Professor of Policy Analysis, Pardee RAND Graduate School

In this [blog](#), the author argues that “changes of attitude toward China have had a chilling effect on scientific collaboration between the United States and China.” She urges world leaders not to allow “toxic geopolitics to undercut trust and international collaborations that took decades to build.” The blog recommends a “safe harbor” type of data-sharing treaty, through the WHO or other mutually-respected global health entities.

“Remarks by President Biden Providing an Update on the Omicron Variant”

Quelle: The White House (November 29, 2021)

Joe Biden, President of the United States

In these [remarks](#), President Joe Biden announced plans to release a detailed plan to “fight Covid this winter” working to project calm amid rising global concerns over the new Omicron variant of Covid-19. The president also said his administration will take action against the Omicron variant “not with shutdowns or lockdowns, but with more widespread vaccinations, boosters, testing and more.”

“What's Wrong with President Biden's COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate”

Quelle: The Heritage Foundation (November 4, 2021)

Hosts: Robert E. Moffit Ph.D., Senior Fellow; Marie Fishpaw, Director, Domestic Policy Studies; John Malcolm, Vice President, Institute for Constitutional Government

Speakers: The Honorable Ron Johnson, United States Senator (R - WI); Doug Badger, Senior Fellow, Domestic Policy Studies; Paul J. Larkin Jr., Rumpel Senior Legal Research Fellow; Martin Makary, MD, Professor, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and Carey Business School

This [virtual event](#) discusses President Biden’s federal mandate that would compel employers with 100 or more workers to ensure they either get a vaccine or submit to weekly testing. Questions addressed include: What should we think about this mandate? Is it legal? What are the pitfalls of implementing such a measure on an estimated 80 million Americans? What are the implications of such a mandate on the doctor-patient relationship?

“Can Congress Stop Biden’s Vaccine Mandate?”

Quelle: Cato Institute (October 22, 2021)

Ilya Shapiro, Vice President and Director, Robert A. Levy Center for Constitutional Studies, Cato Institute; William Yeatman, Research Fellow

This [commentary](#) discusses the “constitutional accountability” for the Biden administration’s COVID-19 “emergency temporary standard” (ETS), also known as Biden’s vaccine mandate. The rule, which would require businesses with more than 100 employees to enforce vaccination or weekly testing starting January 4, has run into legal and political opposition.

“Science Brief: Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in K-12 Schools and Early Care and Education Programs – Updated”

Quelle: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (November 16, 2021)

This [science brief](#) analyses the Covid virus and its effect in the education arena, specifically reflecting the recent authorization of COVID-19 vaccines for children ages 5-11.

“The destabilizing cost of a pandemic: What COVID-19 meant for renters already getting assistance”

Quelle: Brookings Institution (November 23, 2021)

Sophia R. Fox-Dichter, Data Analyst, Social Policy Institute, Washington University St. Louis; Yung Chun, Data Analyst III, Social Policy Institute, Washington University St. Louis; Michal Grinstein-Weiss, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Global Economy and Development

This [research](#) discusses the current version of the Build Back Better Act, in which \$150 billion would go toward housing with significant funding allocated for both public housing and housing choice vouchers. The authors recommend that in deciding how this funding will be distributed, states should consider the vulnerability of renters who are receiving SNAP to eviction, and that further assistance could be directed to these renters in the form of direct cash payments, legal resources, or increased SNAP distributions.

“Higher Minimum Wages Support Job Growth as the Economy Recovers from COVID-19”

Quelle: Center for American Progress (November 3, 2021)

Justin Schweitzer, Policy Analyst; Kyle Ross, Special Assistant

An analysis presented in this [issue brief](#) shows that having higher minimum wages and eliminating subminimum wages has not hindered job growth. According to the authors, employment in the predominantly low-wage leisure and hospitality industry has recovered faster in states that guarantee better pay for low-wage workers, and that “successful businesses in the United States can easily afford to pay a living wage to all of their workers without being significantly harmed financially.”

“Transcript: Book Talk: What Really Happened in Wuhan”

Quelle: Hudson Institute (November 3, 2021)

David Asher, Senior Fellow

This [transcript](#) records a discussion between Asher and Sharri Markson, author of “What Really Happened in Wuhan: A Virus Like No Other, Countless Infections, Millions of Deaths.” The discussion covers theories on the origin and spread of Covid-19, as well as “the cover-ups, the conspiracies and the classified research.”

“Osterholm Update: COVID-19 Thanksgiving Mini Episode”

Quelle: Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy, University of Minnesota (November 24, 2021)

Dr. Michael Osterholm, Director, Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy; Chris Dall, MA, News Reporter, CIDRAP

This [podcast](#) compares the dynamics of the pandemic this Thanksgiving to last year, and what factors to consider when making Thanksgiving plans.

“KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor: Media and Misinformation”

Quelle: Kaiser Family Foundation (November 8, 2021)

Liz Hamel, Vice President, Director, Public Opinion and Survey Research; Lunna Lopes Survey Analyst, Public Opinion and Survey Research; Ashley Kirzinger, Associate Director, Public Opinion and Survey Research; et al.

This [research](#) finds that belief in pandemic-related misinformation is widespread, with 78% of adults saying they have heard at least one of eight different false statements about COVID-19 and that they believe it to be true or are unsure if it is true or false. According to the authors, “belief in COVID-19 misinformation is correlated with both vaccination status and partisanship, with unvaccinated adults and Republicans more likely to believe or be unsure about false statements compared to vaccinated adults and Democrats.”

“COVID-19, Government Performance, and Democracy: Survey Experimental Evidence from 12 Countries”

Quelle: National Bureau of Economic Research (November 2021)

Nicolas Longuet Marx, Columbia University; Vincent Pons, Harvard University; Michael Becher, IE University; et al.

This [research](#) uses a pre-registered survey and experiment covering 12 countries and 22,500 respondents to examine the impact of the pandemic on public attitudes about incumbent governments, the functioning of democracy and support for different types of regimes. The study finds that “dissatisfaction with the government, which is equally driven by economic and health considerations, decreases satisfaction with how democracy works.”

“Few Americans Blame God or Say Faith Has Been Shaken Amid Pandemic, Other Tragedies”

Quelle: Pew Research Center (November 23, 2021)

Ronald O'Rourke Specialist in Naval Affairs; Kathleen J. McInnis Specialist in International Security; CRS

In the midst of a global pandemic that has killed millions and altered the lives of billions around the world, the Pew Research Center conducted this [survey](#) to explore how Americans make sense of suffering and bad things happening to people. To achieve this, researchers reviewed existing literature and received guidance from academic experts to help develop a questionnaire.

“Vaccine Development Renaissance: Pandemic Brings Niche Industry into Mainstream”

Quelle: Pioneer Institute (November 23, 2021)

Peter Kolchinsky, Ph.D., RA Capital Management

This [podcast](#) episode discusses the explosion of vaccine technologies and innovations brought into the spotlight by the massive investment to fight the pandemic, and dives into the promise of vaccines to combat an ever-widening range of disease.

“The End of the COVID Consensus”

Quelle: Peterson Institute of International Economics (PIIE) (November 29, 2021)

Jean Pisani-Ferry, Senior Non-Resident Fellow, PIIE

In this [commentary](#), the author states that “whereas the shock of the COVID-19 pandemic in-

initially prompted unity and convergence in Europe, the current phase of the crisis is much more delicate economically and politically." He continues that, "if mismanaged, it may reopen old wounds and shatter policymakers' newly acquired legitimacy."

Für die aktuellen Zahlen zur Coronakrise in den USA:

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

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