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Oktober 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](#).

“World Economic Outlook October 2021 - Recovery During a Pandemic - Health Concerns, Supply Disruptions, and Price Pressures”

Quelle: International Monetary Fund (IMF) (Oktober, 2021)

This [report](#) shows that the global economic recovery is continuing, even as the pandemic resurges. The fault lines opened up by COVID-19 are looking more persistent—near-term divergences are expected to leave lasting imprints on medium-term performance. According to the report, vaccine access and early policy support are the principal drivers of the gaps.

“Vaccinating Children Ages 5-11: Policy Considerations for COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout”

Quelle: Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) (Oktober 25, 2021)

Jennifer Kates, Senior Vice President; Josh Michaud, Associate Director, Global Health Policy; Jennifer Tolbert, Director, State Health Reform

This KFF [issue brief](#) lays out key factors for the successful rollout of COVID-19 vaccinations in the United States for younger children, ages 5 to 11. During the last week of October, the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) advisory committee voted to request to authorize the Pfizer vaccine for younger children. A final FDA decision, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention actions, could follow as soon as the first week in November.

“The world needs a COVID-19 Vaccine Investment and Trade Agreement”

Quelle: Peterson Institute for International Economics (PIIE) (Oktober 13, 2021)

Chad P. Bown, Reginald Jones Senior Fellow; Thomas J. Bollyky, Senior Fellow for Global Health, Economics, and Development and Director of the Global Health Program, Council on Foreign Relations

The authors of this [blog](#) urge that the United States, European Union, India, and their partners in vaccine manufacturing supply chains “must now consolidate their fragmented initiatives into a COVID-19 Vaccine Investment and Trade Agree-

ment (CVITA). To start, CVITA would be a plurilateral agreement, demanding participation by WTO members, as well as the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Japan, Australia, and potentially South Africa.”

“The Health Insurance Coverage Landscape in the Late COVID-19 Period”

Quelle: Urban Institute (October 20, 2021)

Linda J. Blumberg, Institute Fellow, Health Policy Center

This [testimony](#) before the Senate Finance Committee on health insurance coverage during the pandemic states that the risk of a significant increase in the number of people uninsured following the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) is substantial. Blumberg outlined, that “permanent, enhanced premium tax credits should encourage more people to move from Medicaid to the Marketplace once they lose Medicaid eligibility.” She further suggested aggressive outreach and enrollment efforts.

“Addressing Biocrises After COVID-19: Is Deterrence an Option?”

Quelle: War on the Rocks – Texas National Security Review (October 8, 2021)

Al Mauroni, Director, U.S. Air Force Center for Strategic Deterrence Studies, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama

In this [commentary](#), Marouni states that “given a poorly responding national public health system and recent advances in biotechnology, a nation-state or terrorist group could easily cause tens of thousands of deaths, if not millions.” He recommends “that the national security community needs to take steps to deter this threat if the public health community cannot protect Americans from contagious diseases.”

“Federal Hiring: OPM Should Collect and Share COVID-19 Lessons Learned to Inform Hiring During Future Emergencies”

Quelle: U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) (October 25, 2021)

According to this [report](#), Congress and the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) authorized certain agencies to temporarily use alternative hiring procedures to expedite hiring for staff with skills needed to respond to the pandemic. GAO states that “lessons learned during the pandemic could improve the use of hiring authorities during future emergencies and recommends that OPM develop and implement a process to collect and share these government-wide lessons.”

“Stripping Intellectual Property Rights from COVID-19 Vaccines Is Disastrous”

Quelle: Hudson Institute (October 22, 2021)

Adam Mossoff, Chair, Forum for Intellectual Property and Senior Fellow

This [research](#) argues that while the world needs vaccines, stripping drug innovators of their intellectual property rights does “not solve distribution problems. Worse, it punishes these innovators for their heroic efforts and achievements that have saved tens of millions of lives.” Mossoff also asks that the Biden administration should reverse its support for the intellectual property waiver.

“Global prevalence and burden of depressive and anxiety disorders in 204 countries and territories in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic”

Quelle: Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, University of Washington (IHME) (October 8, 2021)

This [study](#) suggests that globally an additional 53 million cases of major depressive disorder and 76 million cases of anxiety disorders were due to the pandemic in 2020. The research also shows that women and younger people were the most affected by major depressive disorder and anxiety disorders and that countries hit hardest by the pandemic in 2020 had the greatest increases in cases of major depressive disorder and anxiety disorders.

“What Next? Looking Beyond the Covid-19 Summit”

Quelle: Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) (October 12, 2021)

Moderator:

J. Stephen Morrison, Senior Vice President and Director, Global Health Policy Center

Speakers:

Peter Sands, Executive Director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; Julie L. Gerberding, Executive Vice President and Chief Patient Officer, Merck & Co., Inc.; Loyce Pace, Director, Office of Global Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This [online event](#) discusses how to advance the global Covid-19 response in the wake of President Biden’s September 22 Summit. According to CSIS, “In the work ahead, decision making related to the global response will also need to include a broader tent of players, including China, low- and middle-income country leadership, and private sector entities who were underrepresented at the Summit.”

“Carnegie Connects: A Conversation with Dr. Leana Wen on the State of the Pandemic”

Quelle: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (October 21, 2021)

Aaron David Miller, Senior Fellow; Dr. Leana Wen, Emergency Physician and Public Health Professor, George Washington University

This [online conversation](#) discusses the state of the coronavirus in America and the world and what measures need to be taken to end a pandemic that has claimed more than 4.8 million lives, including over 700,000 in the United States, and infected at least 237 million worldwide.

“Sub-Saharan Africa's debt problem Mapping the pandemic's effect and the way forward”

Quelle: Brookings Institution (October 21, 2021)

Chris Heitzig, Research Analyst, Africa Growth Initiative; Aloysius Uche Ordu, Director, Africa Growth Initiative Senior Fellow, Global Economy and Development; Lemma Senbet, William E. Mayer Chair Professor of Finance, University of Maryland, Member, Distinguished Advisory Group, Africa Growth Initiative

This [paper](#) utilizes new data to study the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on debt sustainability and vulnerability in sub-Saharan Africa and sheds light on the channels through which these impacts have taken place. Using IMF projections, the study finds that debt levels have risen substantially in sub-Saharan Africa since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Osterholm Update: COVID-19 Episode 74: Implement, Study, Learn”

Quelle: Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy, University of Minnesota (October 21, 2021)

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

This [podcast](#) discusses the state of the pandemic in the UK, Russia, and Japan, and what this could

mean for the U.S. It also debates the rise in cases in Northern U.S. states, the new federal recommendations on booster doses, and communication surrounding vaccine mandates.

“US Military COVID Cases Lowest Since June as 1st Vaccine Deadlines Approach”

Quelle: Center for a New American Security (October 13, 2021)

Katherine L. Kuzminski, Senior Fellow and Director, Military, Veterans, and Society Program

According to this [article](#), new COVID-19 cases among U.S. service members have been on a steady decline over the last month, as more service members have become vaccinated ahead of the Defense Department’s vaccination compliance deadlines.

“COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates and Incentives Under Federal Law”

Quelle: The Commonwealth Fund (October 22, 2021)

Timothy S. Jost, Emeritus Professor, Washington and Lee University School of Law

This [article](#) states that although employers may — and, in some cases, must — require workers to be vaccinated against COVID-19, they need to comply with federal laws prohibiting discrimination, regulating health plans, and protecting privacy. The author also finds that “more and more employers are requiring or incentivizing their workers to get vaccinated against COVID-19, but there are limits on what employers can do — and how they do it.”

“COVID-19: Potential Implications for International Security Environment—

Overview of Issues and Further Reading for Congress”

Quelle: Congressional Research Service (October 5, 2021)

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

This [updated report](#) lays out issues for Congress, which may include whether and how the pandemic could change the international security environment, whether the Biden Administration’s actions for responding to such change are appropriate and sufficient, and what implications such change could have for the role of Congress in setting and overseeing the execution of U.S. foreign and defense policy. Congress’s decisions regarding these issues could have significant implications for U.S. foreign and defense policy.

“Biden’s Vaccine Mandates Needlessly Polarize, Impede Private Sector Labor Market”

Quelle: The Heritage Foundation (October 15, 2021)

Elizabeth Hanke, Research Fellow, Labor Economics and Policy

This [article](#) states that although vaccines are a safe and effective way to reduce transmission of the coronavirus, government intervention—especially in labor markets—can be disruptive. To the author, “it seems clear that rules implemented by the Biden administration are the greatest obstacle blocking private firms from achieving economic success.”

“Anne Case and Angus Deaton summarize Mortality Rates by Education Level, Pre- and Post-Pandemic”

Quelle: National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) (October 18, 2021)

Anne Case, Princeton University and NBER;
Angus Deaton, Princeton University and NBER

In this [video](#), the researchers summarize their findings, including that there was no specific "protective effect" of education level on COVID-19 mortality. Their [new study](#) documents mortality patterns by analyzing recently released data from the National Center for Health Statistics. They find that the pandemic maintains pre-existing mortality disparities.

Für die aktuellen Zahlen zur Coronakrise in den USA:

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

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