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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.

“Effective resilience and national strategy: Lessons from the pandemic and requirements for key critical infrastructures”

Quelle: Atlantic Council (October 9, 2020)

Franklin D. Kramer, Distinguished Fellow, Scowcroft Center

In this [research report](#), Franklin D. Kramer asserts that “the challenges presented by the virus are reflective of a broader spectrum of resilience risks facing the United States,” and proposes a strategic and operational framework to establish “effective resilience” as a foundational objective of the United States’ national strategy. According to the author, effective resilience means the capacity to prepare for and withstand shocks of the magnitude of a major pandemic or equivalent such as a major cyberattack with any resulting disruption significantly less than that caused by COVID-19.

“Green COVID-19 Recovery and Transatlantic Leadership: What Are the Prospects?”

Quelle: Chicago Council on Global Affairs (October 20, 2020)

Paul Hofhuis, Senior Research Associate

In analyzing ambitions and initiatives on both sides of the Atlantic in three connected policy arenas, this [brief](#) argues that “while a Democratic victory provides greater opportunity for collaboration, underlying structures for cooperation among societal stakeholders in the United States need to be reinvigorated to diminish polarization in society, which could continue to block the transition to a low-carbon economy.”

“The Axis of Disruption”

Quelle: The Heritage Foundation (October 7, 2020)

Mike Gonzalez, Senior Fellow; Helle C. Dale, Senior Fellow for Public Diplomacy

According to this new [report](#), the United States and its European allies “have separately concluded that the COVID-19 disinformation campaigns of China, Russia, and Iran have reached, in the words of an EU report, a ‘trilateral convergence’.” The report also alleges that “these adver-

saries have used the pandemic to launch a disinformation campaign against the United States, Europe, and others to foment division and chaos.”

“October 2020 update to TIGER: COVID-19 remains an impediment to the global recovery”

Quelle: The Brookings Institution (October 11, 2020)

Eswar Prasad, Senior Fellow, Global Economy and Development, et al.

According to the authors, “the world economy is experiencing a tepid, uneven, and fragile recovery from the depths of the COVID-19 recession.” The latest [update](#) of the Brookings-Financial Times Tracking Indexes for the Global Economic Recovery (TIGER) reveals pockets of strength in particular economies, but states that a broad-based and robust recovery does not appear on the horizon.

“Trends in Overall and Non-COVID-19 Hospital Admissions”

Quelle: Kaiser Family Foundation (October 19, 2020)

Karyn Schwartz, Senior Fellow, et al.

New data in this [issue brief](#) provide additional information to help assess the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on hospitals and insurers and also provide more information to help assess the extent to which people are still delaying or forgoing care. According to the authors, the new medical records data help “shed light on the magnitude of the drop in hospital admissions and the more recent rebound in hospitalizations.”

“Black Lives Matter Protests, Social Distancing, and COVID-19”

Quelle: CATO Institute (October 14, 2020)

Editor, Jeffrey Miron, Harvard University and Cato Institute

This [research brief](#) discusses the protests in the aftermath of the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis during the Corona pandemic. The authors find “no evidence that net COVID-19 case growth differentially rose following the onset of Black Lives Matter protests, and we even find modest evidence of a small longer-run decline in case growth.”

“FREEDOM ON THE NET 2020 - The Pandemic’s Digital Shadow”

Quelle: Freedom House (October 11, 2020)

Adrian Shahbaz, Director, Technology and Democracy, Allie Funk, Senior Research Analyst, Technology and Democracy

The latest [edition](#) of the annual country-by-country assessment of internet freedom maintains that the “coronavirus pandemic is accelerating a dramatic decline in global internet freedom.” The authors also suggest that “governments around the world have used the COVID-19 pandemic as cover to expand online surveillance and data collection, censor critical speech, and build new technological systems of social control.”

“GTIPA Perspectives: COVID-19 Impacts on Public Health and the Economy of GTIPA Member Nations”

Quelle: Global Trade & Innovation Policy Alliance (October 26, 2020)

Stephen Ezell and Kevin Gawora, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

According to this [report](#), the COVID-19 pandemic that emerged at the start of 2020 has impacted the global economy and public health to an “unprecedented extent.” This anthology analyzes the economic and public health impact and policy responses of 20 nations and regions—Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, the California Bay Area, Chile, Colombia, the European Union (EU), Germany, Greece, Honduras, Indonesia, Italy, Jordan, Korea, Latin America, Mexico, Poland, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and the United States—to the coronavirus pandemic.

“Independent Task Force Report - Improving Pandemic Preparedness: Lessons From COVID-19”

Quelle: Council on Foreign Relations (October 2020)

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

This [report](#) presents its findings in three sections: the inevitability of pandemics and the logic of preparedness; an assessment of the global response to COVID-19, including the performance of the World Health Organization (WHO), multilateral forums, and the main international legal agreement governing pandemic disease; and the performance of the United States, while also drawing lessons from other countries, including several whose outcomes contrast favorably with the U.S. experience.

“Europe under US Monetary Hegemony: How the COVID-19 Pandemic Will Undermine a 100-Year-Old Relationship”

Quelle: Hudson Institute (October 8, 2020)

Brendan Brown, Senior Fellow

This [policy study](#) examines the origins of U.S. monetary hegemony, Germany’s “two decades of defying dollar hegemony” and how the pandemic could undermine U.S. monetary hegemony— “for better and for worse.” In conclusion, the author predicts a monetary reform in Europe “centered around Germany that emerges to replace the EMU.”

“Reasonable encouragement to our home industry’: The Republican Party’s response to the coronavirus”

Quelle: American Enterprise Institute (October 23, 2020)

Jay Cost, Gerald R. Ford Visiting Scholar

This [report](#) discusses criticism of congressional Republicans “for responding to the coronavirus pandemic with deficit-financed stimulus.” However, the author states that “since its founding, the Republican Party has had a close connection to American business, and, viewed in this light, its response to the coronavirus is consistent with party orthodoxy.”

“COVID-19 and the cost of vaccine nationalism”

Quelle: RAND Corporation (October 28, 2020)

Marco Hafner, Senior Economist; Research Leader; et al.

This [research report](#) finds that vaccine nationalism could lead to the “unequal allocation of COVID-19 vaccines and cost the global economy up to \$1.2 trillion a year in GDP terms.” Specifically, the authors estimate the global cost associated with COVID-19 could be \$3.4 trillion a year. For the EU it would be about 5.6 percent in annual GDP, about \$983 billion, while the U.S. loses about 2.2 percent in annual GDP, about \$480 billion.

“Balancing Speed, Equity, and Impact during a Crisis”

Quelle: Urban Institute (October 14, 2020)

Shena Ashley, Vice President, Nonprofits and Philanthropy, et al.

This [report](#) chronicles the genesis and evolution of the Greater Washington Community Foundation's efforts to raise and coordinate funding from a wide range of individual and institutional donors to address the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, with a particular focus on the Community Foundation's COVID-19 Emergency Response.

“Mail-in voting became much more common in 2020 primaries as COVID-19 spread”

Quelle: Pew Charitable Trusts (October 13, 2020)

Drew DeSilver, Senior Writer/Editor

According to this [research](#), mail-in voting received a boost this year as primary season ran head-on into the novel coronavirus pandemic. Mail-in ballots accounted for just over half of this year's primary votes cast in the 37 states (plus the District of Columbia) for which data is available. The author suggests that this was roughly double the mail-in share of the vote in those same jurisdictions in the 2016 and 2018 general elections.

“Building Equitable, Healthy, and Climate Change-Ready Communities in the Wake of COVID-19”

Quelle: Center for American Progress (October 8, 2020)

Cathleen Kelly, Senior Fellow; Mikyla Reta, Research Associate

According to this [report](#), existing societal and economic hardships for certain groups are now “being exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic fallout, which have disproportionately affected people of color.” The authors recommend that Congress ought to make significant new investments in several community development programs to “ensure a just, healthy, and climate change-ready economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.”

“Coronavirus Crisis Update: America—Two Different Countries Responding to a Single Pandemic”

Quelle: Center for Strategic and International Studies (October 8, 2020)

J. Stephen Morrison, Senior Vice President and Director, Global Health Policy Center, CSIS; Mollyann Brodie, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Kaiser Family Foundation

In this [podcast](#), Mollyann Brodie explores the widening bifurcation of America along partisan and ideological grounds, with “wildly different conceptions, wildly different sources of information, sealed off from alternatives.” According to CSIS, “this advancing politicization, aggravated by the current electoral cycle, is now dominating the response to Covid-19.

“COVID-19 Vaccine Predictions: Using Mathematical Modelling and Expert Opinions to Estimate Timelines and Probabilities of Success of COVID-19 Vaccines”

Quelle: Center for Global Development (October 1, 2020)

Anthony McDonnell, Senior Policy Analyst, et al.

This [study](#) surveyed publicly available information and interviewed experts to analyze and model the COVID-19 vaccine portfolio. According

to the authors “there is significant uncertainty surrounding the development, approval and manufacturing of COVID-19 vaccines and it is unlikely to be the silver bullet that resolves the pandemic and returns our world to normal.” The study’s modelling suggests that there is a 50 percent chance that by the end of April 2021 there will be a vaccine safe and efficacious enough to win approval from a stringent regulator; by the end of 2021, this rises to 85 percent.

“COVID-19 Health and Safety Measures for Elections”

Quelle: National Governors Association (NGA) (October 16, 2020)

This [policy memorandum](#) by the bipartisan NGA provides an overview of practices implemented by election officials and considerations for governors to help reduce the risks of spreading COVID-19 for the 2020 general election. The memo also provides specific examples from numerous states across the U.S.

“Whoever Finds the Vaccine Must Share It’ - Strengthening Human Rights and Transparency around COVID-19 Vaccines”

Quelle: Human Rights Watch (October 29, 2020)

This [report](#) examines “a human rights-based approach to COVID-19 vaccines funding rooted in principles of transparency and accountability.” It assesses how a variety of core rights are being taken into account by governments. Human Rights Watch argues that governments spending public money on COVID-19 vaccines should ensure that the scientific benefits of the research they fund are shared as widely as possible.

“Lessons From Early Implementation

of Pandemic-EBT - Opportunities to Strengthen Rollout for School Year 2020-2021

Quelle: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, CBPP (October 8, 2020)

Zoë Neuberger, et al.

This [report](#) discusses federal policy responses to the corona pandemic’s impact on free or reduced-price meals at school. For instance, lawmakers enacted Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) in March 2020, a new program that allowed states to provide approximately \$250 to \$450 per child in grocery benefits to make up for the meals missed in the spring of 2020.

“Global Economic Effects of COVID-19”

Quelle: Congressional Research Service (October 27, 2020)

James K. Jackson, Coordinator, Specialist in International Trade and Finance; et al.

This updated CRS [report](#) estimates that the virus could reduce global economic growth to a rate of -4.5% to -6.0% in 2020, with a partial recovery of a rate of 2.5% to 5.2% in 2021. However, the update states that “a resurgence in infectious cases in Europe, the United States, and various developing economies in September and October renewed calls for stringent lockdowns and curfews and could weaken or delay an economic recovery.”

Weitere Kurzbeiträge:

“The RAND Blog- How Much Do Americans Value Their Health During the Pandemic?”

Quelle: RAND Corporation (October 29, 2020)

Christopher Nelson, Senior Political Scientist; Professor of Public Policy, Pardee RAND Graduate School, et al.

This [blog](#) discusses whether the social and economic costs of physical distancing measures are justified by the health benefits of limiting COVID-19 transmission. Furthermore, the blog highlights findings of a survey by RAND and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation regarding American health attitudes during COVID-19.

“Corona-Warn-App and Germany’s Efforts to Tame COVID-19”

Quelle: The American Institute for Contemporary German Studies (October 28, 2020)

Zhijiang Zhao, Research Intern

This [article](#) discusses COVID-19 related developments in Germany and specifically Germany’s Corona-Warn-App. The author assesses the app was “certainly a useful tool to contain COVID-19 but it still has a long way to go to become truly effective.”

“Hudson Institute Releases Video Highlighting Timeline of Genesis of Coronavirus in Wuhan, China”

Quelle: Hudson Institute (October 15, 2020)

Hudson Institute has produced a brief [video](#) highlighting its Coronavirus timeline that chronicles the progression of the virus from Wuhan, China and its subsequent global spread.

“Global Economic Prospects: Fall 2020”

Quelle: Peterson Institute for International Economics (October 8, 2020)

During this [virtual event](#), PIIE experts Karen Dynan, Jason Furman, and David Wilcox focused on the puzzles and surprises in outcomes in the United States and the European Union, implications of the (Corona) crisis for potential output and income distribution, and role for fiscal policy at the Institute’s fall 2020 semiannual Global Economic Prospects event.

Für die aktuellen Zahlen zur Coronakrise in den USA:

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

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