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## September 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](#).

### “Global COVID-19 Summit: Ending the Pandemic and Building Back Better”

Quelle: The White House (September 24, 2021)

On September 22, President Biden convened a virtual Global COVID-19 Summit focused on ending the pandemic and building better health security to prevent and prepare for future biological threats. In this executive [statement](#), President Biden calls on the world to collectively end the COVID-19 pandemic as soon as possible. The summit included participation by representatives from more than 100 governments and other partners and more than 100 leaders from international organizations, the private sector, the philanthropic sector, civil society, academia, and other stakeholders.

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### “Reflections on UNGA and the Global Covid-19 Summit”

Quelle: Center for Strategic and International Studies (September 22, 2021)

Nikolaj Gilbert, President and CEO, PATH; Julie Gerberding, Executive Vice President and Chief Patient Officer, Merck; Carolyn Reynolds, Senior

Associate, CSIS Global Health Policy Center; and Stephen Morrison, Senior Vice President and Director, CSIS Global Health Policy Center

The experts in this [virtual event](#) offer reflections on where we stand at this critical decision point in the global Covid-19 crisis: in terms of U.S. leadership and commitments, efforts to mobilize other multilateral partners, and what more needs to be done to reignite a coherent international approach. According to CSIS, “the summit is an important signal of expanding U.S. engagement internationally. What are the next steps in reigniting global leadership to reach the targets outlined during the summit?”

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### “The Resilient Society: Lessons from the pandemic for recovering from the next major shock”

Quelle: Peterson Institute for International Economics (PIIE) (September 9, 2021)

Speaker:  
Markus K. Brunnermeier, Nonresident Senior Fellow, PIIE, Professor, Princeton University  
Discussants:

Greg Ip, Chief Economics Commentator, The Wall Street Journal;

Gilian Tett, Chair of Editorial Board and Editor-at-Large, US Financial Times

At this [virtual book release](#) held by PIIIE, Markus K. Brunnermeier presented his new book, "The Resilient Society: Lessons from the Pandemic for Recovering from the Next Major Shock." The author states that "the current framework for managing shocks—by either avoiding them or emphasizing measures to withstand them—will prove inadequate." Instead, Brunnermeier calls for building resilience by investing in mechanisms that acknowledge shocks—and ultimately help societies bounce back.

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### **"COVID-19: A comparison with other public-health burdens"**

Quelle: McKinsey (September 8, 2021)

Dr. Sarun Charumilind, Partner, Philadelphia; Matt Craven, Partner, Bay Area; Jessica Lamb Partner, New Jersey

This [article](#) shows that in calibrating interventions, it may be helpful to "compare the burden of COVID-19 to other health conditions that countries have grown comfortable in managing." The authors conclude that COVID-19 was no longer the leading cause of death in some countries.

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### **"Controversy and consensus: Perspectives on race, religion, and COVID-19 in public schools"**

Quelle: American Enterprise Institute (September 22, 2021)

Daniel A. Cox, Senior Fellow in Polling and Public Opinion; Nat Malkus, Senior Fellow and Deputy Director, Education Policy Studies

According to this [report](#), the August 2021 American Perspectives Survey reveals a consensus on

American attitudes toward COVID-19 in public schools. Parents overwhelmingly favor a return to in-person learning for their children, as do a narrower majority of Americans without school-age children. Additionally, the authors show that most Americans favor universal masking and COVID-19 vaccine requirements for eligible students and school staff, but they also highlight that there are substantial partisan divides on these issues.

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### **"Women, work, and families: Recovering from the pandemic-induced recession"**

Quelle: The Brookings Institution (September 29, 2021)

Betsy Stevenson, Professor of Public Policy and Economics, University of Michigan

This [report](#) reviews what happened to women's employment and labor force participation in the recovery from the pandemic. The author claims that women returned to work just as rapidly as men. However, the report states that "the pandemic profoundly shaped expectations and behavior in the labor market, since both women and men are seeking new jobs and changing industries at higher rates than before the pandemic."

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### **"Reporting on COVID-19"**

Quelle: Council on Foreign Relations (September 14, 2021)

Speakers: Luciana Borio, Senior Fellow for Global Health, Council on Foreign Relations; Natalie Krebs, Health Reporter, Iowa Public Radio  
 Presider: Irina A. Faskianos, Vice President for National Program and Outreach, Council on Foreign Relations

Host: Carla Anne Robbins Adjunct Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations

In this [online event](#), Luciana Borio provides an update on the virus, including information on vaccinations and the latest variants of the virus. Natalie Krebs, shares best practices for reporting on COVID-19 and how local journalists can cover this issue in their communities.

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### “Teaching and Testing by Phone in a Pandemic”

Quelle: Center for Global Development (September 1, 2021)

Lee Crawford, Research Fellow; David Evans, Senior Fellow; Susannah Hares, Co-Director of Education Policy and Senior Policy Fellow; Justin Sandefur, Senior Fellow

This [working paper](#) asks: “How did children learn while schools were closed during 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic?” The authors show that in low-income countries where internet access is scarce, distance learning is often passive, via TV or radio, with little opportunity for teacher-student interaction. This paper evaluates the effectiveness of live tutoring calls from teachers, using a randomized controlled trial with 4,000+ primary school students in Sierra Leone.

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### “Why The California Recall Is Not a Harbinger of What Is to Come on COVID As a Campaign Issue”

Quelle: Kaiser Family Foundation (September 28, 2021)

Drew Altman, President & Chief Executive Officer

This [column](#) states that some have interpreted Governor Gavin Newsom’s win in the California recall election as a mandate for Democrats to go strong on COVID in their election campaigns. Altman suggests that “supporting COVID measures to protect the public is the right stance for any elected official regardless of how the votes may fall, but there is little evidence to suggest it is a

winning campaign platform for Democrats in more purple states.”

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### “Even After COVID-19, the U.S. Labor Market Remains More Stable Than People Think”

Quelle: Information Technology & Innovation Foundation (ITIF) (September 13, 2021)

Robert D. Atkinson, President, ITIF; Luke Dascoli, Economic & Technology Policy Research Assistant, ITIF

This [report](#) suggests that job security actually has improved steadily since the mid-1990s. The number of workers laid off each year as a share of all jobs has decreased. While employment disruption in the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic was indeed catastrophic, since then, job-loss rates have returned to the trend line.

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### “The Realignment 157 | Adam Tooze: How Covid Reshaped Capitalism, the Cold War, and Politics”

Quelle: LincolnNetwork (September 9, 2021)

Adam Tooze, Professor of history, Columbia University

In this [podcast](#), Adam Tooze, author of “Shutdown: How Covid Shook the World’s Economy and Crashed: How a Decade of Financial Crises Changed the World,” discusses how Covid reshaped capitalism, geopolitics, the U.S. vs. China, and more...

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### “What’s the Plan? U.S. Land Border Restrictions During the COVID-19 Pandemic”

Quelle: Wilson Center (September 1, 2021)

Cecily Fasanella, Program Assistant, Mexico Institute; Xavier Delgado, Analyst and Research Coordinator, Canada Institute

According to this [article](#), as of September 2021, the United States will have restricted its land borders with Canada and Mexico for 18 months to slow the spread of COVID-19. This is the longest interruption of border crossing in U.S. history. The authors recommend that as U.S. officials proceed with their review of the country's emergency border policy, "a transparent consideration of the distinct economic, social, and public health situations in Canada and Mexico should be of top economic priority."

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### **"Tracking development assistance for health and for COVID-19: a review of development assistance, government, out-of-pocket, and other private spending on health for 204 countries and territories, 1990–2050"**

Quelle: Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, University of Washington (IHME) (September 22, 2021)

Angela Esi Micah, PhD, Assistant Professor, IHME; Joseph Dieleman, PhD, Associate Professor of Health Metrics Sciences, IHME; Ian Cogswell, Data Analyst, IHME

This [research article](#) shows that the rapid spread of COVID-19 renewed the focus on how health systems across the globe are financed, especially during public health emergencies. The authors claim that development assistance is an important source of health financing in many low-income countries, yet little is known about how much of this funding was disbursed for COVID-19. This study aims to put development assistance for health for COVID-19 in the context of broader trends in global health financing.

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### **"The Impact of Covid-19 on China's Economy: A Conversation with Daniel H. Rosen"**

Quelle: Center for Strategic and International Studies (September 22, 2021)

Bonny Lin, Director, China Power Project and Senior Fellow, Asian Security; Daniel H. Rosen, Founding Partner, Rhodium Group

In this CSIS "ChinaPower" [podcast](#) Rosen and Lin examine the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on China's economic power. Mr. Rosen describes the variables that contribute to China's economic power and recounts how China's economy was initially impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. He also discusses the primary measures the Chinese government took to rejuvenate its economy and evaluates which measures were the most significant.

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### **"Two-Thirds in U.S. Now Say COVID-19 Situation Worsening"**

Quelle: Gallup (September 1, 2021)

Jeffrey M. Jones, Ph.D., Senior Editor

This [survey](#) suggests that Americans' assessments of the coronavirus situation have flipped from highly positive to highly negative over the past two months. Sixty-eight percent of U.S. adults say the situation is getting worse, while 15% say it is getting better. In June, before the recent surge in coronavirus infections, 89% said the situation was getting better and 3% said it was getting worse.

### **"Unvaccinated Americans are at higher risk from COVID-19 but express less concern than vaccinated adults"**

Quelle: Pew Research Center (September 24, 2021)

John Gramlich, Senior Writer, Editor

This [research](#) states that Americans who are not vaccinated against COVID-19 are far more likely to contract the coronavirus and to be hospitalized and die from it, than vaccinated people, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Even so, this survey finds the unvaccinated are less likely to be concerned about the health effects of the virus and less likely to report wearing masks in stores or other businesses all or most of the time in the past month.

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### **“The World Needs U.S. Funding to Prevent and Prepare for the Next Pandemic”**

Quelle: Think Global Health (September 20, 2021)

Neil M. Vora, Fellow, Conservation International; Pasha Majdi, Senior Director, U.S. Policy and Government Affairs, Conservation International; Ashley Arabasadi, Senior External Affairs Manager, Management Sciences for Health

This [article](#) states that “it is time for the United States to regain its stature as a leader in global health. The country has the expertise, the resources, and the historical precedents to do so. The risk of another pandemic is only growing.” The authors continue, saying that “the United States must step up now to fund and coordinate a strategic transformation in pandemic prevention and preparedness that can save countless lives and contribute to future prosperity.”

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### **“Pandemic Aid Helped Lower Poverty in California”**

Quelle: Public Policy Institute of California (September 24, 2021)

Caroline Danielson, Policy Director and Senior Fellow

This [blogpost](#) shows that in California, federal stimulus payments kept 1.58 million Californians out of poverty, and unemployment insurance

helped 940,000 Californians stay out of poverty. These two programs played important roles across racial/ethnic groups—but had larger effects for Latino, Asian American, and Black Californians.

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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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