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## Boao forum provides space for regional co-operation, collectivity: UNGA president

For 20 years, the Boao Forum for Asia has provided a space for regional cooperation and collectivity and has helped to amplify economic growth and sustainable development. Volkan Bozkir, President of the 75th session of the UN General Assembly made the remarks while addressing the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2021.

This year's conference, attended by more than 2,600 guests from over 60 countries and regions, is themed "A World in Change: Join Hands to Strengthen Global Governance and Advance Belt and Road Cooperation."

The forum, now celebrating its 20th anniversary, has not only played a unique role in pooling consensus and putting forward valuable "Boao proposals," but also engaged countries in addressing global issues and promoting world development and prosperity.



## Chinese market stabilizes business of German car manufacturers: EY study

Source: Xinhua

For all three German automotive groups, the Chinese sales market continued to "gain in importance last year," the study noted. Overall, almost every fourth new car (39.4 percent) from Volkswagen, BMW and Daimler in 2020 was handed over to a Chinese customer.

BERLIN, April 19 (Xinhua) -- Germany's large car manufacturers Volkswagen, BMW and Daimler emerged from the COVID-19 crisis year 2020 well in an international comparison, according to a study published quarterly by consulting firm Ernst & Young (EY) on Monday.

Revenues of German car manufacturers were only down ten percent, unit sales were down 14 percent and profits declined by 26 percent, while French car manufacturers, for example, were particularly affected as profits plummeted 84 percent, according to the study.

"Companies with a strong China share benefited from the relatively stable development on the Chinese sales market. By contrast, those operating mainly in Europe suffered massive losses in some cases," said Peter Fuss, senior advisory partner in the automotive field at EY.

File photo taken on May 23, 2018 shows employees working at the production line of Dadong Plant of BMW Brilliance Automotive

(BBA) in Shenyang, northeast China's Liaoning Province. (Xinhua/Pan Yulong)

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The 17 international car companies surveyed only recorded a 4-percent drop in passenger car sales in China last year. At the same time, sales in the U.S. declined by 14 percent year-on-year and even plummeted by 25 percent in Europe, according to the study.

"The Chinese sales market had an important function for the global, but particularly for the German automotive industry last year," said Fuss. "Sales generated in China were able to stabilize the industry as a whole, while there were painful losses in the U.S. and particularly in Europe."



A worker operates at the general assembly workshop of the Changchun production base under the FAW-Volkswagen Automotive Co., Ltd. (FAW-VW) in Changchun, northeast China's Jilin Province, Jan. 5, 2021. (Xinhua/Zhang Nan)

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## UH Digital Media Is Opening A New Chapter



I was so honored to join the advisory committee meeting this morning at the University of Houston Digital Media Program.

The program prepares technologically-savvy leaders for supervisory positions in the digital media industry. Much of the program is devoted to the utilization of digital media-oriented information technology as it impacts the graphic workflow. Graduates from this program move into positions of service support in businesses

specializing in communication through print, internet, multimedia and video technologies.

Our good friend Professor and Program Coordinator Jerry Waite is the one who voted for me to join this group. I am so glad to be part of it.

In the last forty years of my media career, the world has changed very rapidly. We are so lucky in the media business to follow the new technology and to reach more

people more effectively.

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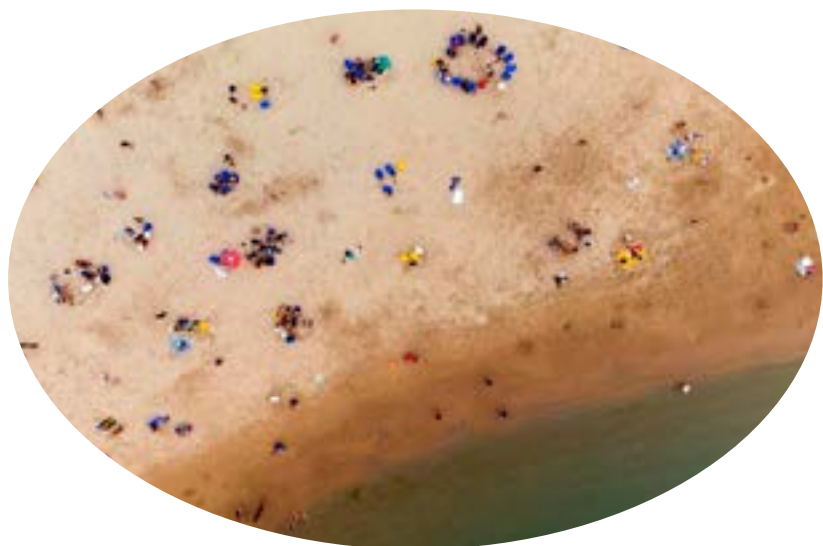
## Editor's Choice



Flames are seen close to the city fanned by strong winds after a bushfire broke out on the slopes of Table Mountain in Cape Town, South Africa. REUTERS/Mike Hutchings



Reverend Al Sharpton, surrounded by family members of George Floyd and politicians, leads a prayer session outside the Hennepin County Government Center during the closing arguments in the murder trial of former police officer Derek Chauvin, who is facing murder charges in the death of George Floyd, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. REUTERS/Adrees Latif



Israelis enjoy the beach of the Mediterranean during a heat wave as coronavirus restrictions ease around the country, in Ashkelon Israel. REUTERS/Amir Cohen



A man fixes a flat tire on a car covered in ash after a series of eruptions from La Soufriere volcano in Orange Hill, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. REUTERS/Robertson S. Henry



Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson holds up a beer during a visit to The Mount Tavern Pub and Restaurant on the local election campaign trail in Wolverhampton, West Midlands, Britain. Jacob King/PA Wire/Pool



A memorial to 13-year-old Adam Toledo is growing at the site where he was shot dead by a police officer, in Chicago, Illinois. REUTERS/Eileen T. Meslar



COVID-19 Today, April 21, 2021

## The Warning Signs Of A Longer Pandemic



Illustration: Sarah Grillo/Axios

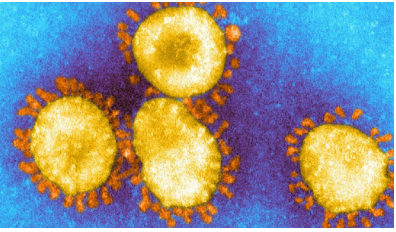
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All the things that could prolong the COVID-19 pandemic — that could make this virus a part of our lives longer than anyone wants — are playing out right in front of our eyes.

**The big picture:** Right now, the U.S. is still making fantastic progress on vaccinations. But as variants of the virus cause new outbreaks and infect more children, the U.S. is also getting a preview of what the future could hold if our vaccination push loses steam — as experts fear it soon might. Driving the news: The British variant is driving another surge in cases in Michigan, and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has resisted re-imposing any of the lockdown measures she embraced earlier in the pandemic.

- Variants are beginning to infect more kids, even as schools are on the fast track back to reopening, making the pandemic “a brand new ball game,” as University of Minnesota epidemiologist Michael Osterholm recently put it.
- New research confirms that our existing

vaccines don’t work as well against the South African variant.



**Between the lines:** This is a preview of the longer, darker coronavirus future the U.S. may face without sufficient vaccinations — one that many experts see as pretty likely.

- Although the pace of vaccinations is still strong, there’s a growing fear that it’s about to slow down. In some parts of the country, particularly the South, demand for shots has already slowed down enough to create a surplus of available doses.

**How it works:** The more widely a virus can spread, the more opportunities it

has to mutate. If the U.S. and ultimately the world don’t vaccinate a sufficient percentage of the population, we’ll be setting ourselves up to let the virus keep spreading, and keep mutating, continuing to give us new variants that will continue to pose new threats.

The concern isn’t necessarily that the facts on the ground today could end up being disastrous. The vaccines work against the British variant; the South African variant is not, at this point, a dominant strain within the U.S.; and we will eventually be able to vaccinate at least some children, helping the U.S.’s progress toward herd immunity.



- But if we don’t control the virus well enough, then even years into the future, we could be living through more new variants — some of which might be more deadly, some of which might be more resistant to vaccines, some of which might be more dangerous for certain specific populations.
- That would translate into an ongoing risk of illness or potentially death for unvaccinated people and new races to reformulate vaccines as new variants keep emerging.
- And it would lead to a world in which today’s vaccine-eager population would have to stay on top of those emerging risks, get booster shots when they’re available, and perhaps revive some of the pandemic’s social-distancing measures, in order to stay safe.

**The bottom line:** This darker future is preventable, and our abundant supply of highly effective vaccines is the way to prevent it. The more people get vaccinated now, the smaller the role COVID-19 is likely to play in the rest of our lives.

### Related

#### Former FDA Chief Offers Reality Check On Vaccine Passports



Illustration: Sarah Grillo/Axios

There’s a clear use case for some sort of trusted, digital proof of vaccination, but it probably wouldn’t be an all-encompassing “passport,” necessary for any number of everyday activities, former FDA commissioner Scott Gottlieb argues in a WSJ op-ed. **What they’re saying:** “Some have panned this as a way of denying Americans access to restaurants or other businesses,” he writes. “It’s more likely to allow Americans to visit places they otherwise can’t, such as nursing homes or hospitals that aren’t allowing family members.”

**Why it matters:** Vaccination data isn’t easily accessible — some of it belongs to insurers, some to state databases, and those systems don’t always communicate well with each other.

**Making matters worse,** the inevitable forgeries of paper vaccine cards are now a widespread reality. Scores of fraudulent vaccine cards are available for sale on Etsy, eBay, Facebook and Twitter, the New York Times reports:



**Former FDA commissioner Scott Gottlieb.**

- One Etsy seller, who declined to be identified, said she had sold dozens of fake vaccine cards for \$20 each recently. She justified her actions by saying she was helping people evade a “tyrannical government.” She added that she did not plan to get in-

oculated.”

### Related

#### Fauci: Federal government won’t require COVID vaccine passports

The federal government will not mandate the use of vaccine passports for travelers or businesses post-pandemic, President Biden’s chief medical adviser, Dr. Anthony Fauci, told the Politico Dispatch podcast Monday

**Why it matters:** Passports showing proof of vaccination could speed up international travel re-openings, but the idea of requiring immunization credentials has become a point of contention, particularly among Republican officials.

- Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) banned the use of vaccine passports in his state on Friday.

**What they’re saying:** “I doubt that the federal government will be the main mover of a vaccine passport concept,” said Fauci.



**Anthony Fauci. Photo: Susan Walsh/AP/Bloomberg via Getty Images**

- “They may be involved in making sure things are done fairly and equitably, but I doubt if the federal government is going to be the leading element of that.”

**Fauci noted that** he believes that businesses or schools could require vaccine passports to enter their buildings.

- “I’m not saying that they should or that they would, but I’m saying you could foresee how an independent entity might say, ‘well, we can’t be dealing with you unless we know you’re vaccinated,’ but it’s not going to be mandated from the federal government.”

**The big picture:** The E.U. unveiled its proposal for vaccine passports in March, which would allow citizens who can certify that they have been vaccinated or recently tested negative for COVID-19 to cross borders without quarantine requirements. (Courtesy axios.com)

# COMMUNITY

***Yang’s New Campaign Slogan: “Hope Is on the Way”***

## Could Andrew Yang Really Be New York City’s Next Mayor?



Photographs by Adam Pape for The New York Times

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Andrew Yang rolled up for opening day at Yankee Stadium on April 1 with the crackling force field of celebrity surrounding him. A bank of photographers and videographers walked backward before him. A small entourage of aides trailed behind. Fans, lined up for New York’s first professional baseball game with live spectators since Covid shut down the city, called out, “There’s the next mayor of New York!” and “Good luck!” People milled around to have their photos taken with him. Yang bumped elbows and gave high fives; it was the most casual human contact I’d seen in a year.

When I asked Yang supporters why they want him to be mayor, I heard, over and over, variations on the words “change” and “energy.” “He’s young, he’s energetic, he’s a new face,” said Laivi Freundlich, a businessman and synagogue cantor from Brooklyn. “I’m tired of the old guard.” Some associated Yang, in an undefined way, with technological dynamism. “It’s a feeling,” said Thomas Dixon, a 61-year-old from the Bronx, about how Yang would “bring about necessary changes. Because like the country, New York City needs to move into the 21st century.”

With about 10 weeks until New York’s mayoral primaries, both public and private polling show Yang ahead in a crowded field, though up to half of voters remain undecided. In a survey released by Fontas Advisors and Core Decision Analytics in March, Yang was the top choice of 16 percent of respondents, followed by 10 percent for Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams. (Everyone

else was in the single digits.) The Yang campaign’s private polling shows him with 25 percent of the vote and Adams with 15 percent.



The essence of Yang’s campaign is this: He wants to make New York fun again. He has a hip-hop theme track by MC Jin and a platform plank calling for to-go cocktails — a pandemic accommodation for struggling bars and restaurants — to become a regular fixture of city life. He’s constantly out and about, cheerleading each facet of New York’s post-Covid rebirth. He was there the first day movie theaters reopened, taking his wife, Evelyn, to see Eddie Huang’s coming-of-age basketball drama, “Boogie.” But for a kidney stone that landed him in the hospital, he and Evelyn would have gone to an off-Broadway concert on April 2, the day indoor shows restarted. The day after that hospitalization, Yang was doing the finger-snapping dance from “West Side Story” down Brooklyn’s Vanderbilt Avenue. Several blocks were closed to traffic to make room for open-air bars and cafes, another pandemic-era policy that Yang wants to make permanent. The gentrified

brunch crowd responded to the candidate much like the baseball fans at Yankee Stadium: People shouted, “There’s Andrew Yang!” and “Yang Gang!” and posed for grinning photos.

His campaign will soon unveil a new slogan, “Hope Is on the Way.” It is planning a series of events to make up for milestones people lost during Covid, like a prom for high school graduates and maybe even a group wedding at city hall, where Andrew and Evelyn got married, for those who had to postpone their nuptials.

On one level, the idea of Yang as the mayor of New York City — surely one of the most complicated administrative jobs in the country — seems absurd. He has no government experience and has been so detached from city politics that he never before voted in a New York mayoral election. Before he ran in the 2020 Democratic presidential primary, he founded a midsize nonprofit, Venture for America, that set out to create 100,000 jobs.



**Photographs by Adam Pape for The New York Times**

As of 2019, it had created fewer than 4,000. Nothing in his background indicates a special aptitude for running a gargantuan urban bureaucracy at a moment of harrowing crisis.

Yet in a traumatized city, people are responding to his ebullience. Yang, said Chris Coffey, his campaign’s co-manager, is “giving people hope after a year of death and sadness and Zooms and unhappiness.” You don’t have to agree with Yang’s politics to see how powerful this is.

About those politics: They’re pretty conservative, at least by the standard of a New York Democratic primary. Yang is pro-charter schools and has criticized the 190,000-member United Federation of Teachers for the slow pace of school reopenings. He’s slammed Mayor Bill de Blasio for not instituting a hiring freeze and is hesitant to raise taxes on the rich. Yang wants to offer tax breaks to companies that bring their employees back to the office, which those who like the flexibility of remote work might resent.

A number of his plans depend on corporate partnerships. “There’s a lot of potential and pent-up energy among companies and leaders in New York who want a mayor they can work with, who want a mayor who’s

not going to beat up businesses big and small because they’re businesses,” he told me. It’s hard to tell whether Yang is leading because of his pro-business centrism, or in spite of it. Many backers I spoke to view him as progressive, particularly those who associate him with the call for a universal basic income, which animated his presidential campaign. Some supporters don’t think of him in ideological terms at all. Others expressed not so much a desire for a right turn in city-wide politics as doubt that the left has all the answers.



**Photographs by Adam Pape for The New York Times**

“I think he’s progressive, but I also think he’s kind of pragmatic, so I think that’s probably what draws me to him,” said Maya Deshmukh, a dentist who’s also an actress and a comedian, after she posed for a photo with Yang outside an upscale Vanderbilt Avenue ice cream shop. “He’s Asian-American; I’m Indian, so I like someone who’s going to be in our corner.” Some left-wing Asian activists hate Yang’s plan to combat a spike in anti-Asian hate crimes by increasing funding for the New York Police Department’s Asian Hate Crime Task Force, but there’s no sign that most ordinary Asian-Americans voters do. His campaign’s polling shows him winning 49 percent of the Asian vote, with the other candidates in the single digits.

Yang makes a point of ignoring progressive social media, where he’s frequently derided as either a neo-liberal menace or a clueless tourist. “One of the big numbers that informs me is that approximately 11 percent of New York City Democratic voters get their news from Twitter,” he said, referring to a figure from his campaign’s internal polling. “If you pay attention to social media you’re going to get a particular look at New Yorkers that is going to be representative of frankly a relatively small percentage of New York voters.”

Still, other candidates hope that once they’re able to contrast Yang’s positions and experience to their own, his support will erode. “What we’re seeing is more about what names are recognizable, but the vast majority of folks are still saying, ‘I’m trying to make up my mind, I’m trying to get on top of this,’” said the mayoral candidate Maya Wiley, a former counsel to de Blasio. “What folks are looking for is not someone who shoots from the hip, but someone who actually

has deep plans and policies.”

Wiley’s spokeswoman, Julia Savel, has been harsher. “Our city deserves a serious leader, not a mini-Trump who thinks our city is a fun plaything in between podcasts,” she said recently.



Yang throws out screwball ideas — like putting a casino on park-filled Governors Island, which would be illegal — to see what sticks. He makes gaffes, but they haven’t dragged him down. He has a self-perpetuating way of sucking up all the media oxygen: to write about the Yang phenomenon, as I am here, is to contribute to it. Ten weeks before the 2013 mayoral primary, it looked like the top candidates were Anthony Weiner and Christine Quinn, then the City Council speaker. This year will be New York City’s first time using ranked choice voting in such a primary, and no one knows quite what that’s going to mean. It could help Yang because he’s so well known, leading supporters of other candidates to pick him as their second or third choice. Or it could hurt him by consolidating the votes of constituencies Yang has alienated.

And he believes that celebrity and excitement don’t win Democratic primary elections in New York City. What does? “Having an organic relationship to the constituencies that follow city politics and depend on city politics,” he said, particularly “the various unions that represent people who are directly or indirectly dependent on government money, contracts, support for nonprofit organizations and so on.” In Mollenkopf’s analysis, the city’s politics, unlike the country’s, are still mediated by a thick web of institutional relationships. Yang agrees that this has been true in the past. He just thinks that this time will be different.

Luke Hawkins, a 36-year-old actor and dancer, described discovering Yang on the Joe Rogan podcast. “I wish he were the president,” he said. “I can’t stand pandering politicians. Just the fact that there’s no BS, he’s just completely genuine.” Hawkins said he leans left but doesn’t like what he calls the “woke stuff” and viewed Yang as a “problem-solver.”

So, I asked, would he definitely vote in the primary? “I frickin’ hate politics,” he said. “But I will vote for him.” Then he asked, “When is the primary?” It’s June 22. The future of New York City may hinge on how many voters like him remember. (Courtesy https://dnyuz.com/) This article first appeared in the New York Times)