

USA Update 2010

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Shortly before the Congressional elections of 2010, where does the United States stand? Nearly halfway into its first term, the Obama administration has achieved a major goal in passing healthcare reform, but the victory has proven divisive. Republicans hope to retake Congress in November, and the populist Tea Party movement is growing ever more vocal in its opposition to Obama's agenda. Financial markets, immigration, climate change, and education reform all loom on the domestic agenda, and the war in Afghanistan is bound to remain controversial for some time. What are the Democrats' chances in the midterm elections, and what issues will dominate the second half of Obama's term? This seminar will discuss these and other recent issues in American politics and society.

09.00 Uhr: Obama's presidency so far: health care reform and other controversies

10.45 Uhr: coffee break

11.15 Uhr: The midterm elections of 2010: issues, candidates, and chances

13.00 Uhr: End