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## THIS WEEK IN COMMENTARY

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TOP COMMENTARY OF THE WEEK

### ***What happened in Ohio Tuesday? Voters refused to be suckered, and stood up for themselves***

by David DeWitt | *Ohio Capital Journal*

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*The Ohio burgee.*

*Getty images.*

Ohioans, I'm so proud of you. You stood up for yourselves. You refused to let corrupt politicians and lobbyists steal your power. You paid homage to generations before us who won us these rights, and you protected them for future generations. You won a noble and historic victory for democracy in Ohio, and you should be very proud.

The reality remains that Ohio Republican politicians — the very same people who tried to do this to you — still control our executive, legislative, and judicial branches. In a normal political epoch, they would learn a lesson from all of this. But we are not in a normal political epoch, so my best advice is to expect them to have learned nothing. If their flailing on Wednesday is any indication, that advice appears to be sound.

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[\*\*Trump indictment is a chance for the GOP to reclaim itself\*\*](#)

by **Vanessa Gallman** | *Kentucky Lantern*

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**[New Jersey Supreme Court sends correct message on political corruption](#)**

by **Terrence T. McDonald** | *New Jersey Monitor*

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**[Why Steve Marshall can't focus on pressing Alabama problems](#)**

by **Brian Lyman** | *Alabama Reflector*

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**[GOP death cult is holding the Earth hostage to white privilege](#)**

by **Diane Roberts** | *Florida Phoenix*

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**[Kansas governor's bipartisan PAC gives Democrats heartburn. They don't have a better option.](#)**

by **Clay Wirestone** | *Kansas Reflector*

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**[Democrats should listen to Dean Phillips, or catastrophe may await](#)**

by **J. Patrick Coolican** | *Minnesota Reformer*

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**[Explanations of gun violence only serve our children for so long](#)**

by **Amy Gordon Bono** | *Tennessee Lookout*

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