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# News From The States

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## THIS WEEK IN COMMENTARY

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Welcome to the best opinion pieces of the week from **News From The States**. Our commentary includes our own journalists from across our extensive network as well as outside voices to bring a wide range of perspectives and ideas. In addition to the sampling below, [you can look through all our commentary here](#).

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TOP COMMENTARY OF THE WEEK

***I knew Kansas officials would overstep after Marion raid. I didn't expect it to be in Lawrence.***

Clay Wirestone | *Kansas Reflector*

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*A dustup in Douglas County likely won't attract the same attention as the Marion County Record raid. But perhaps it should, writes Clay Wirestone.*

*(Getty Images)*

Ding ding ding!

We have a winner for the not-at-all-coveted prize of “first Kansas officials to embarrass our state by attacking the free press after the raid on the Marion County Record.” You knew this award was coming. I knew this award was coming. News outlets try to uncover information powerful people want kept secret. That makes them enemies in all sorts of places.

What I didn't expect, and what makes me frankly a bit embarrassed, is that these attacks come from lovely Lawrence, also known as the most liberal place in Kansas that's not currently hosting a convention of Trotskyites.

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**[The high price of Alabama's low taxes](#)**

Brian Lyman | *Alabama Reflector*

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**[Vouchers awards public Ohio tax dollars to discriminatory private religious schools](#)**

Marilou Johaneck | *Ohio Capital Journal*

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**[Idaho physicians must have greater discretion over when abortion exceptions are warranted](#)**

Jillaine St.Michel | *Idaho Capital Sun*

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**[Long Covid isolates sick people and their loved ones](#)**

Heath Haussamen | *Source New Mexico*

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**[Welcome to the Maine Morning Star](#)**

Lauren McCauley | *Maine Morning Star*

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**[College football reflects America as it really is](#)**

Diane Roberts | *Florida Phoenix*

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**[State leaders should pass gun safety laws to save Georgians' lives](#)**

Kelly Girtz | *Georgia Recorder*

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