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THIS WEEK IN COMMENTARY

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TOP COMMENTARY OF THE WEEK

Steve Marshall doesn't know what Jim Crow was

Brian Lyman | *Alabama Reflector*



Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall delivers his inaugural speech during inauguration ceremonies at the Alabama State Capitol on Monday, Jan. 16, 2023 in Montgomery, Alabama.

(Stew Milne for Alabama Reflector)

Last Tuesday, Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall issued a “statement on redistricting to the people of Alabama.”

It said his office would abide by a federal court order creating a second majority or near-majority Black congressional district while appealing the ruling.

That’s a standard comment when one loses cases like these. (The office on Friday appeared to have abandoned an immediate appeal of the order.)

But Marshall said a lot more.

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Darrell Ehrlick | *Daily Montanan*

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