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THIS WEEK IN COMMENTARY

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TOP COMMENTARY OF THE WEEK

In America, the people are sovereign. But gerrymandered Ohio GOP lawmakers won't respect that

by **Marilou Johaneck** | *Ohio Capital Journal*



*The Ohio Statehouse in Columbus, Ohio.
(Photo by Graham Stokes for Ohio Capital Journal)*

Members of Ohio's domineering political party have forgotten that we the people are sovereign. The ultimate power in the state rests with us, not them. Ohioans overwhelmingly endorsed enshrining reproductive freedom in the state constitution and legalizing marijuana in a new state law. That *should* have been the last word on two popular statewide issues that drew passionate consent of the people last week.

But as soon as a healthy majority of Ohio voters said YES to abortion rights and legalized marijuana, Ohio Republicans (who campaigned against both Issue 1 and Issue 2) arrogantly announced they would *not* accept the results of the election and would disregard the will of the people.

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