

Weekly Current Events: 3.27.23

[Metz & Ortutay, "Kids in Utah Will Need Parent's OK to access Social Media," Associated Press, 3.24.23.](#)

1. What exactly does this new Utah law do?
2. Which political party is in the majority in Utah? How has this party altered its view of tech business regulations?
3. What is the motivation behind the new law?
4. Should this be a state or federal issue? Or something government should not regulate at all? Why?
5. How is federalism, police powers, and "laboratories of democracy" relevant in this story?
6. How have/will the social media companies respond?
7. What is the enforcement and practical approach to this law?
8. Even if the law does not survive, will it have any impact on this issue?

[Elbeshbishi & Lee, "Lawmakers say TikTok Hearing Validated Concerns," USA Today, 3.26.23.](#)

1. Why are Congress members concerned about TikTok?
2. Who testified before Congress, and which committee hosted the hearing?
3. Why this committee?
4. What are TikTok users saying about the inquiry?
5. What did CEO Chew do in advance of the hearing?
6. What are some particular concerns lawmakers have regarding TikTok user data and the type of content TikTok delivers or suggests to users?
7. What was Congress's impression of CEO Chew during/after the hearing?

[PBS Newshour Report \(12-min. Video\)](#)