



Indivisible Bainbridge Island Newsletter

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Things you can do right now:

- [Call our senators](#) and demand they get loud about Trump aligning our country with Putin. [Get your ire up](#). It's time to call Republican senators, too! [Here's the list](#). Sen. Cantwell voted for four orange nominees, so far; she needs to stop being complicit!
- Indivisible Bainbridge Island is protecting people by collecting food for immigrants. Drop off dried beans and rice packaged in 1 quart zip lock bags at a home on Bainbridge Island. [Email Kathy](#) for the address. Personal care items are needed, too: deodorant, tampons, small bottles of shampoo.
- In addition to food and cash donations, Fishline in Poulsbo needs clean reusable plastic or paper bags. [Drop-off locations](#).
- Phone bank for the Democratic candidates, [Gay Valimont](#) and [Josh Weil](#), who are running for the U.S. House seats left vacant by Matt Gaetz (R) and Mike Waltz(R).
- Phone bank for Susan Crawford, Mondays from 4 to 6 pm, with Indivisible Oregon. [RSVP](#)

- Click [here](#) for more things you can do that were updated after this newsletter went out.

Calendar

- March 1, 10 am, Tesla Takedown Bellevue Square: Boycott Tesla, Defund Musk! [RSVP](#)
- March 1, 11 am, Pierce County Superior Court, 930 Tacoma Ave. S, Peaceful Protest Against Tyrannical Overreach
- March 1, 12 pm, Tesla Takedown, 17731 Pacific Highway, Lynnwood
- March 1, 12 pm, Olympic National Park, Conrad Dyar Memorial Fountain, 1st & Laurel, Port Angeles, hosted by Stand Up for National Parks
- March 1, 1 pm, 1623 E J Street, Tacoma, La Resistencia Solidarity Day
- March 2, 12 pm, Ballard Locks to Ballard Commons, March for Trans Youth Care
- March 2, 11 am to 12:30 pm, Weekly Rally and March in Poulsbo, meet at the Waterfront Park pavilion, hosted by Poulsbo for All/North Kitsap Indivisible
- March 4, 12 pm, 2901 Western Ave, Seattle, The People's Movement
- March 4, 3 pm to 6 pm, Henry Jackson Federal Building, The People's Movement
- March 5, 2 pm to 3:30 pm, Postcards on Wednesday, writing to Wisconsin voters
- March 6, 8 am, Yesler and I-5 Overpass, Overpass banner action
- March 7, 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm, [Zoom](#), Politics with David Harrison
- March 7, 12 pm to 3 pm, Seattle Center, Mural Amphitheater Lawn, Stand Up for Science 2025
- March 8, 10 am to 12 pm, Bellevue Downtown Park, International Women's Day: Fighting Oligarchy March on Medina
- March 8, 12 pm to 4 pm, Washington State Capitol, 416 Sid Snyder Ave, Rally for All Women & Girls Rights Equality Empowerment
- March 10, 5:30 pm, in-person, Worth Uniting For/WFF/North Kitsap Indivisible meeting, Poulsbo Library
- March 10, 7 pm to 8:30 pm, Zoom, Washington Indivisible monthly meeting. [Email for the link to RSVP](#). Say that you want the WIN monthly meeting link.
- March 10, March Xodus: Leave X en mass formerly known as Twitter
- March 16, 2 to 4 pm, Indivisible Bainbridge Island/Worth Fighting For in-person meeting, BI fire station on Madison.
- April 9, 1 pm to 2 pm, Lunchtime meeting with Rep. Adam Smith's staff. [RSVP](#)

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WE HAVE MET
THE ENEMY
AND HE IS US



Not Your Usual Newsletter

Sorry, thanks to an Internet outage, this week's newsletter is shorter than usual, so let's focus on the outrage of just one day: today.

The Orange Guy lured Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on the pretext of a deal involving [rare earth minerals](#). Then the Orange Guy and JD Vance ambushed Zelenskyy with a barrage of lies. It was disgusting. [Watch it here](#), if you can stand the embarrassment. For example,

- The Orange Guy claims the U.S. has donated to Ukraine \$300 to \$350 billion (far more than the EU) in aid, while the [Kiel Institute](#) (a German think tank) puts

it at \$119.7 billion between January 2022 and December 2024. The U.S. Dept. of Defense, using a broader definition of "aid," says \$182.8 billion has been "appropriated" - a figure that covers US military training in Europe and replenishment of US defense stocks.

- In fact, the EU has given \$145 billion in financial, military, humanitarian, and refugee assistance, of which 65% have been provided as grants or in-kind support and 35% in the form of highly concessional loans, according to the [EU's web site](#).

After the Oval Office debacle, we have to admit that the Orange Guy has aligned our country with Russia, China, North Korea and Iran. We are the Bad Guys, now.

Thankfully, Zelenskyy [remains](#) defiant. [Watch](#) Timothy Snyder try to make sense of this mess. [Donate to Ukraine here](#).

The ambush was a coda to a tumultuous couple of weeks in Europe. Big thanks to Simon Ffitch for keeping track of what's been happening in Europe.

Elections in Germany

In last Sunday's German election results, the center-right Christian Democrats [won with 28.6 percent](#), with the far-right party Alternative for Deutschland (AfD) surging to come in second at 20 percent, raising concerns about growing extremism and the formation of a new coalition government. German politics since WWII has had a "firewall" against inclusion of extremist and neo-Nazi parties in government. The center-left Social Democrats won 16 percent, while the Greens were at 11 percent. The Christian Democrats have [begun talks](#) with the Social Democrats regarding formation of a new coalition government.

Elon Musk [appeared at an AfD rally](#) in January, calling the AfD the "best hope for Germany" and urging them to [move beyond guilt for the past](#). After Sunday's election he called the AfD's leader, Alice Weidel, to [congratulate](#) her for the AfD's electoral gains.

The U.S. Sided with Russia in the U.N.

The [U.S. sided with Russia](#) on two Ukraine votes at the United Nations this week on the third anniversary of Russia's invasion. On the first, the U.S. voted against a resolution supported by all of our traditional allies, condemning the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

On the second, at the Security Council, the US drafted a resolution calling for an end to the war but not condemning Russia. This passed, with key allies the UK and France abstaining because of objections at failure to amend the resolution

Tariffs

The Orange Guy [vowed to slap 25% tariffs](#) on EU and claims the European Union was 'formed to screw US'. The EU said it will reply "firmly and immediately."

Macron and Starmer Were in the Oval Office, too

French President Macron [met with the Orange Guy](#) this week in Washington, with stark differences on display despite a friendly veneer, urging Trump to avoid a weak peace agreement.

Before his meeting with the Orange Guy this week, British Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer (Labour Party) [announced](#) the UK would severely cut foreign aid in order to increase defense spending to 2.5 percent. The White House called the Starmer meeting 'tremendously productive' and [says](#) 'we have a very good chance at arriving at a very good deal.'

As Ronald Reagan used to say, "trust but verify." Turns out, that's a [Russian proverb](#).

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