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Indivisible Bainbridge Island Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- Find Tesla Takedown events in the Puget Sound area [here](#).
- Find 50501 events [here](#).
- **Ongoing:** Help immigrants in Kitsap County by donating to the Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center. They need rice, beans, diapers, tampons and deodorant. Email protectpeople@indivisiblebainbridgeisland.org to arrange drop offs on Bainbridge Island. Fishline is low on donations, too!
- **Help!** Indivisible Bainbridge Island needs more volunteers to help with safety for the May 1 MAY DAY event. Email [Janelle](#) to volunteer.

- April 21 to 28, Boycott General Mills, organized by [People's Union USA](#).
- April 27, 11 am, Poulsbo Waterfront Park, Worth Fighting For Rally
- April 27, 4 pm to 5 pm, Waypoint Park, BI, End the Occupation/Free Palestine sign-waving.
- April 30, noon to 1:30 pm, Weekly Sign Waving to Save America at the corner of 305 and Winslow Way. Bring your signs in support of Abrego Garcia, immigrants, Medicaid, Social Security, Medicare, Education, you name it.
- April 30, 2 pm to 3:30 pm, Postcards on Wednesday, 2 to 3:30 pm, upstairs at the T&C on Winslow Way, laying the groundwork to flip more California CDs in 2026.
- April 30, 5 pm to 6 pm, Zoom, The Next 100 Days with Tim Walz. Hosted by MoveOn. [RSVP](#)
- May 1, 4:30 pm, May Day, Bremerton, on the Manette Bridge.

- May 1, 4:30 pm, May Day, Kingston, in the Kiwanis Park next to the ferry landing.
- **May 1, 5 pm to 6:30 pm, "May We Rise" Rally, Waypoint Park (aka, 305 and Winslow Way). RSVP [here!](#)**
- May 2, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, [Federal Building Fridays](#), Jackson Federal Building, hosted by Troublemakers.
- May 2, 12:45 pm to 2:15 pm, Corner of Viking Way and Finn Hill Rd, Poulsbo, End the Occupation/Free Palestine sign-waving.
- May 2, 1:30 pm, Zoom, [Politics with David Harrison](#), hosted by the BI Senior Center.
- May 3, 2 pm, Poulsbo Waterfront Park, May Day Protest! Make a sign! Bring 5 people! Carpool! and find parking elsewhere, allowing time to get to the gazebo by 2pm. Food drive!
- May 6 to May 12, Boycott Amazon, organized by organized by [People's Union USA](#).
- May 9, 1-3:30 PDT, Zoom, "No Kings–Then or Now: Historian H. Cox Richardson, AG Campbell, US Rep. Raskin,"focusing on strategies and pragmatic actions we can take to stop the destruction of our democracy and answering the question: What CAN and MUST we all do to win this fight." [RSVP](#)
- May 12, 7 pm, WIN Monthly meeting. [RSVP](#).
- May 20 to May 26, Boycott Walmart, again, organized by organized by [People's Union USA](#).

Things you can do right now - [Call our senators and representative](#) or use [5Calls.org](#).

- **Do you have fundraising skills or ideas?** Indivisible Bainbridge Island can use your help! Email [James Forsher](#) to get started!
- **Call our senators and tell them to vote NO on H.R.22, the SAVE Act.** It will disenfranchise legal voters by requiring U.S. citizens to provide costly documentation (state-issued birth certificate, a passport or a photo ID) to prove their citizenship *in person* (for us, in Port Orchard) when registering to vote or when updating a voter registration because of a move - [and Americans move a lot](#). One in ten Americans do not have access to a passport or birth certificate. This bill is especially harmful to women who change their names when they marry. Learn more here. Call Rep. Randall and thank her for voting NO on this bill when the GOP passed it on April 10.
- More things you can do daily [here](#).

U.S. District Judge Paula Xinis accused the Trump administration Tuesday of “wilfull and intentional non-compliance” in flouting her order to provide details about the illegal deportation of Kilmar Abrego Garcia to El Salvador.

<https://www.politico.com/news/2025/04/22/kilmar-abrego-garci...>

Transgender in the military. The Trump administration on Thursday asked the Supreme Court to allow it to enforce a 2025 Department of Defense policy prohibiting individuals who are transgender from serving in the U.S. military. Further briefing is scheduled. On

March 27, U.S. District Judge Benjamin Settle prohibited the government from enforcing its policy anywhere in the United States.

<https://www.scotusblog.com/2025/04/trump-asks-supreme-court-...>

Good News!

- FDA [seeks to phase out](#) 8 common petroleum-based food dyes but has no agreement from food manufacturers yet.
- Sarah Palin sued the *New York Times* for defamation and [lost](#) again this week.
- **We are blessed to be among amazing people:** This week, Yolanda Tinajero, sister of Arturo Benavides who, along with 22 others, was killed in an El Paso Walmart on Aug. 3, 2019, [hugged](#) the man who killed her brother in court. "I feel in my heart to hug you very tight so you could feel my forgiveness, especially my loss."
- In a reversal, the Trump regime [restores](#) funding for 30-year women's health study.

Talk for Thought

- Ezra Klein and historian Steven Hahn discuss "[The Very American Roots of Trumpism](#)."
- Ryan Holiday refused to censor his lecture that mentioned the Naval Academy's ban of nearly 400 books, so the Naval Academy [canceled](#) it. But you can watch his lecture [here](#).
- [Watch](#) Rep. Sarah McBride (D-DE) talk Trump, AOC, trans rights and being targeted in Congress with Pod Save America.
- [Watch](#) Robert Reich's Coffee Klatch for April 26.

From the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution: "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America." So, how is Trump doing?

"Form a More Perfect Union" (having at minimum a decent economy)

- This week, home sales posted their [biggest monthly fall](#) since 2022.
- According to [Bankrate.com](#) the national average for a 30 fixed mortgage is 6.9%, up from 6.86% a week ago.
- Trade tensions and policy uncertainty caused the International Monetary Fund to [cut](#) its forecast of U.S. economic growth. The IMF was expecting 1% inflation; now it's expecting 3% inflation.
- A list of more than 110 companies [laying off](#) employees as of April 1.
- Trump says the U.S. is negotiating with China on tariffs, but China [says](#) that's false. Trump now [says](#) tariffs on China will be much lower than 145%.
- Chinese freight ship traffic to busiest U.S. ports [sees steep drop](#); canceled sailings from ocean carriers on Pacific routes that include ports of Long Beach, Los Angeles, Oakland, and Seattle [rise](#). Exporters are [pulling goods](#) from Seattle ports. [Watch](#): Seattle port workers brace for impact of tariffs.

- Thanks to Trump's tariff war, Ford [halted shipments](#) of F-150s and other models to China.
- Huge decline at L.A. port [is a hit to truckers](#)—and a stark warning of coming tariff damage. (75% of truckers [voted](#) for Trump.)
- China [refused delivery](#) of Boeing 737 Max planes; they had to be flown back to the U.S.
- Oregon [is leading](#) 11 other states (but not Washington) in suing Trump and regime officials over tariffs that have touched nearly all goods imported into the U.S.

"Establish Justice"

- After accusing Trump administration of "[willful and intentional non-compliance](#)" and preparing to hold DOJ officials in contempt, Judge Xinis [paused](#) her demand for daily updates on Kilmar Abrego Garcia through 5 pm on April 30 with "the agreement of the parties." Judge Xinis gave no reason for the stay and Abrego Garcia's lawyers aren't talking.
- Trump-appointed judge [orders return](#) of a Venezuelan migrant, known only as Cristian, who was deported to El Salvador.
- Supreme Court has [halted](#), for now, new deportations under the 18th century Alien Enemies Act that is only supposed to be invoked in the case of an invasion by a country with which we are at war. Before the Supreme Court acted, two federal courts [extended](#) the deportation block. U.S. intelligence [says](#) Venezuela is **not** directing a gang invasion into America. Trump claims the opposite.
- Democrats demand law firms turn over details on deals with Trump. [Here's the letter](#).
- On April 22, three SDNY prosecutors on the Eric Adams case [resigned](#), saying the DOJ pressured them to admit to wrongdoing, which they refused to do.
- The FBI [arrested](#) a Milwaukee judge accused of helping a man evade immigration authorities. This is a message to the Judiciary.
- Judge [blocks](#) Trump regime from making passport changes that would affect transgender Americans. The changes "are based on irrational prejudice toward transgender Americans and therefore offend our Nation's constitutional commitment to equal protection for all Americans," Judge Kobick wrote.
- **No Justice of Indiana girls:** A last-minute change to a bill [removes](#) the requirement for Indiana schools to teach consent in sex education. [Watch](#) this Indiana state senator defend the change, claiming consent is a "local" matter.
- On Thursday, a judge [blocked](#) Trump from withholding funds from 16 'sanctuary' cities, including Seattle, and counties.
- Trump's latest blow to civil rights law: Why the executive order on "disparate impact" [matters](#).

"Insure Domestic Tranquility"

- Nationwide 'Hands Off!' protests [erupted](#) against Trump and Musk on April 5. Turnout was estimated at a low of [500,000](#) people to a high of [5.2 million](#) people.

- Trump approval rating dives: From [Fox News](#) this week: A new low of 38% approve Trump on the economy (56% disapprove). His worst ratings are on inflation (33% approve, 59% disapprove), followed by tariffs (33%-58%), foreign policy (40%-54%), taxes (38%-53%), and guns (41%-44%). His best rating is on border security, as a 55% majority approves. On immigration, 47% approve of Trump (48% disapprove).
- Trump's job rating drops, key policies [draw majority disapproval](#) as he nears 100 days. Majorities in both parties say Trump administration must stop an action if a federal court rules it is illegal.

"Provide for a Common Defense"

- Inside the [fiasco](#) at the National Security Council, which advises the president on national security matters.
- Hegseth [used the Signal app](#) connected to 'dirty line' on his personal computer in his Pentagon office. He [shared attack plans](#) [shared attack plans](#) in a second Signal chat that included his wife, his brother and his personal lawyer.
- Former Pentagon official on Hegseth turmoil: 'It looks like [they actually broke the law](#).'
- On March 27, U.S. District Judge Benjamin Settle prohibited the government from enforcing its transgender ban in the military anywhere in the United States. On Thursday, Trump's DOJ [asked](#) the Supreme Court to allow it to enforce the ban. Further briefing is scheduled.

"Promote the General Welfare"

• Education

- Federal judges [pause](#) Dept. of Education enforcement of DEI ban.
- Dept. of Education to [restart](#) defaulted student loan collections.
- AmeriCorps was a way for high school graduates to [contribute to communities across the nation](#) by addressing various needs, including disaster response, education, economic opportunity and environmental stewardship. Volunteers earned credits to help pay down student loans or to pay for current educational expenses. Most of AmeriCorps staff members [have been placed on leave](#) after DOGE cuts.
- Head Start advocates [brace](#) for possibility of Trump eliminating funding.
- This week, two courts [blocked](#) Trump's push to cut funding to public schools over diversity programs.

• Health

- The FDA [suspended](#) a program to improve bird flu testing and the FDA is [pausing](#) bird flu milk testing after more than 20,000 HHS job cuts.
- The FDA is [making plans](#) to end its routine food safety inspections, handing lower-risk inspections over to the states.
- Harvard scientist's ICE arrest [leaves cancer researchers scrambling](#).
- Supreme Court [to hear](#) first challenge to the ACA in Trump's new term.
- Thanks to RFK Jr.'s CDC cuts, North Carolina communities [feel the loss](#) of laid-off CDC disaster team as they struggle to recover from Hurricane Helene.

- In a letter to Trump, Tom Cotton (R-AR) [pleaded](#) for him to "reconsider" his denial of disaster relief after tornadoes hit Arkansas. Even Trump's former press secretary and now Arkansas governor, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, got the cold shoulder.
- **Immigrants**
 - Rep. Maxwell Frost (D-FL) returned from El Salvador [saying](#) the Trump regime is doing nothing to return Abrego Garcia. Reps. Yassamin Ansari (D-AZ), Maxine Dexter (D-OR) and Robert Garcia (D-CA) traveled with him.
 - Ricardo Prada Vásquez, a Venezuelan delivery driver, was '[disappeared](#)' after making a wrong turn on the Ambassador Bridge in Detroit.
 - This week a congressional delegation [visited](#) Mahmoud Khalil ([detained without an arrest warrant](#)) and Rumeysa Ozturk (who co-authored an opinion essay in the Tufts student newspaper criticizing the university's response to Palestinian genocide, which DHS [interprets](#) as support for Hamas) in Louisiana detention centers. DHS has been resisting a federal judge order that Ozturk be moved to detention in Vermont.
 - Trump regime ends temporary protected status for thousands of Afghans, [ordering that they self-deport](#).
 - On Thursday, a judge [blocked](#) Trump from withholding funds from 16 'sanctuary' cities, including Seattle, and counties.
- **Free and Fair Elections**
 - A federal appeals court [blocked](#) North Carolina from starting a ballot curing process that was part of the GOP candidate's effort to overturn Justice Allison Riggs' 734 vote victory in the state's 2024 Supreme Court race last November. At issue are [1,400](#) ballots from military and overseas voters.
 - This week, Trump [directed](#) Bondi to investigate ActBlue, the main Democratic fundraising platform.
 - U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly in Washington D.C. [ruled](#) that the Trump regime cannot enforce parts of the Executive Order requiring federal election officials to assess whether people who are registering to vote are citizens. Democratic-led states are pursuing a separate challenge.
- **Freedom from Corruption**
 - As Trump [attacks](#) CBS, Maria Ressa warns he is following the Philippine model to crack down on the free press.
 - '60 Minutes' top producer [resigned](#), saying he's lost journalistic independence.
 - Officials inside the White House have reportedly tipped off Wall Street executives about a potentially imminent trade agreement with India, [allowing for an extra dollop](#) of market manipulation.
 - On Jan. 20, Trump [nominated](#) former Missouri Congressman, William "Billy" Long (R), as IRS Commissioner. Long, who has "[dubious](#)" qualifications to be IRS Commissioner, was [quickly came under scrutiny](#).

for receiving \$137,000 in campaign donations from his close business partner, White River Energy, just after being nominated. On April 15, Sens. Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV) [called](#) for a criminal investigation of White River Energy and others who "[used the identity and image of Native American tribes without their knowledge to dupe investors into spending millions to purchase fake tax credits.](#)"

- Trump meme coin price [surged](#) this week after top holders were invited to a dinner with Trump, and then the price fell back - classic pump and dump. Trump makes money on the sale of the "coin" and on the buy and sell commissions.

"Secure the Blessings of Liberty to Ourselves and Our Posterity"

- Rubio [has a plan](#) for massive State Department cuts and over 100 bureau closures. When the draft plan was leaked, the White House called it "fake news," but it appears to be real. The plan calls for eliminating scores of traditional State Department offices and bureaus and overhauling how Foreign Service postings work. Among other changes, it would eliminate the regional bureau devoted to Africa and shrink the U.S. diplomatic presence in Canada. One diplomat called the plan "bonkers crazypants."
- Boston University mathematician [tracks](#) how many deaths [may result](#) from USAID cuts.

"Do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

2026 Midterm Elections

- Tommy Tuberville (R-AL) [is not running](#) for re-election to the U.S. Senate. He'd rather be governor.
- Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) [announced](#) this week that he won't be running for re-election.

In Washington

- WA House and Senate [reach deal](#) on unemployment benefits for striking workers.
- Republicans walk out after WA House committee [votes to close center](#) for people with disabilities.
- WA bill to restrict outside National Guard from entering state is [signed into law](#).
- National Dems to [deliver](#) more than \$1M a month to state parties.
- A lagging broadband program [faces more delays](#) as Trump plans changes.
- Permit-to-purchase bill for gun buyers [headed](#) to WA governor's desk.
- Democrats in Washington legislature [wrap up](#) budget negotiations.
- WA bill to keep medical debt off credit reports [signed into law](#).
- A 6-cent gas tax hike [is central](#) to new transportation deal in WA legislature.
- Washington legislature [approves](#) hiking Discover Pass price to \$45.
- Effort to raise the cap on property tax growth [collapses](#) in WA legislature.
- WA food banks [bracing](#) for potential impacts from federal cuts and tariffs.
- WA Commerce chief [warns](#) tariff fallout could hit state hard.
- Tax fight [crescendos](#) in Washington legislature.

- \$5B culvert removal plan [appears dead](#) in WA legislature.

In the World

• Ukraine

- A deadly Russian ballistic missile attack on Kyiv [was met](#) with a rare, but mild rebuke from Trump, amid implications that the U.S. will not challenge Russian control of the Crimea nor other parts of Ukraine under Russian control. Trump also criticized Zelensky for prolonging the war by not making more concessions.
- Former Prime Minister Boris Johnson [says](#) Ukraine gets nothing out of Trump's latest peace proposals, detailing the one-sided terms where Ukraine would give up everything and Russia would give up nothing.
- A senior Russian military official was [assassinated](#) in Moscow, possibly by Ukraine, on the same day as U.S. envoy Witkoff met with Putin for talks. The U.S. Russia talks are continuing this week.
- Trump [says](#) Zelensky is 'three weeks late' on signing mineral deal.

• Italy

- Trump will attend the funeral at the Vatican on Saturday and it could be a [diplomatic minefield](#). Fortunately for Trump, felons [can visit](#) EU countries. Former president Joe Biden is also attending.
- Hungary's Péter Erdő is a strong candidate to be the next pope – and that's [reason to be fearful](#).

• Gaza

- Anti-Hamas protests on rise in Gaza as [group's iron grip slips](#).
- At least 59 Palestinians [killed](#) as Israel escalates Gaza bombardment.
- Abbas, the president of the Palestinian Authority, calls Hamas 'sons of dogs' and [demands release](#) of Gaza hostages. 'Insulting': Hamas [condemns](#) Abbas's remarks on Gaza captives.
- Israel is using high-powered bombs to maximize deaths in Gaza, [experts say](#).
- We're orphans now, [say](#) Gaza Catholics the Pope called daily.
- New Israel-Gaza ceasefire plan [proposed](#), Hamas source tells BBC.
- IDF inquiry [finds](#) that 'professional failures' led to killing of 15 Gaza medics in March.

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