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Indivisible Bainbridge Island Newsletter

May 2, 2025

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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!
- 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, 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 8, noon, Zoom, "What's the Plan? A Weekly Discussion with Indivisible's Co-Founders." [RSVP](#)

- May 9, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, [Federal Building Fridays](#), Jackson Federal Building, hosted by Troublemakers.
- May 9, 1-3:30 PDT, Zoom, "No Kings—Then or Now: Historian H. Cox Richardson, AG Campbell, U.S. 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 17, 2 pm to 4 pm, Eagle Harbor Congregational Church, Indivisible Bainbridge Island meeting
- May 20 to May 26, Boycott Walmart, again, organized by [People's Union USA](#).
- June 7, 12 pm to 2 pm, Standing Together for Democracy, a gathering of local pro-democracy groups at the Lynwood Theater, 4569 Lynwood Center Rd NE, BI. More into [here](#). [RSVP](#)
- June 11, 1 pm to 2 pm, Bimonthly Zoom call with Rep. Adam Smith's Staff. [RSVP](#)

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 sponsor [S.1297](#), the "Fair Day in Court for Kids Act." Trump [recently termination](#) a contract that provided legal services for approximately 26,000 unaccompanied children who appear in immigrant court. Now, children as young three-year-old are appearing in immigration court without legal representation. Sen. Hirono's bill aims to correct that by requiring legal representation in immigration court proceedings.
- More things you can do daily [here](#).

Good News!

- [The Tide Is Turning](#): After 100 days of chaos, court watcher, Dahlia Lithwick, writes that finally America realizes what is happening—and cares enough to stop it. That's [confirmed](#) by six media outlets that put Trump's net approval rating at -19% (Pew), -13% (The Economist), -11% (Reuters), -11% (Fox "News"), -12% (New York Times) and -16% (Washington Post). According to the [Washington Post](#), by the end of April, 39% of Americans approved of Trump's handling the presidency, down from 45% in February, and 55% disapproved.
- **In Congress:**
 - Senate Democrats [are getting feisty](#), forcing two votes (one of which [passed](#) and the other [failed](#)) on Trump's tariffs and another soon on deportations to El Salvador.
 - Within 30 days Democrats will [choose](#) their ranking member on the House Oversight Committee because Gerry Connelly (D-VA) has stepped down to focus on his cancer treatment. Rep. Jasmine Crockett (D-TX) is in the running while Rep. Alexandria Ocasio Cortez is considering another run.

- **In the Courts:**

- This week, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals [turned down](#) Trump's appeal to get access to Social Security data. But how to prevent DOGE from using the data it already has?
- U.S. District Judge Beryl Howell [ruled](#) that Trump's executive order against Perkins Coie "violates the First, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution and is therefore null and void."
- In the first order of its kind, Texas federal district Judge Fernando Rodriguez, a Trump appointee, [ruled](#) that the Alien Enemies Act cannot be used to justify deportations and issued a permanent injunction against removal of Texas residents under the Act.
- New York Attorney General James [sues](#) Trump regime over moves to cut billions in state education funding.
- George Santos was [sentenced to 87 months](#) in prison for wire fraud and aggravated identity theft, [plus payment](#) of \$373,749.97 in restitution and \$205,002.97 in forfeiture.

- In a reversal, NIH is said to have [restored funding](#) for women's health study.

- **Elsewhere**

- **Canada:** Mark Carney and the Liberal Party won the Canadian federal election on Monday. But Carney's win isn't as comforting as it should be: young people, especially men, [voted](#) with the Conservative Party.
- **Hungary:** Anti-authoritarian protests [continued in Hungary](#) with the Two-Tailed Dog Party holding the largest demonstration ever against the the country's Parliament banned the annual Pride march.
- **Turkey:** 50,000 police met protesters in Istanbul, Turkey on May Day, and [hundreds were arrested](#). 100 protesters were arrested for planning a protest in Taksim Square (which the government as made off-limits). Unrest in Turkey started in March when Erdogan's government arrested Ekrem Imamoglu, mayor of Istanbul and Erdogan's likely opponent in the next election, on corruption and terrorism charges that he denies. Imamoglu [made](#) his first court appearance on April 11, this time charged with trying to intimidate the chief prosecutor.

Talk for Thought

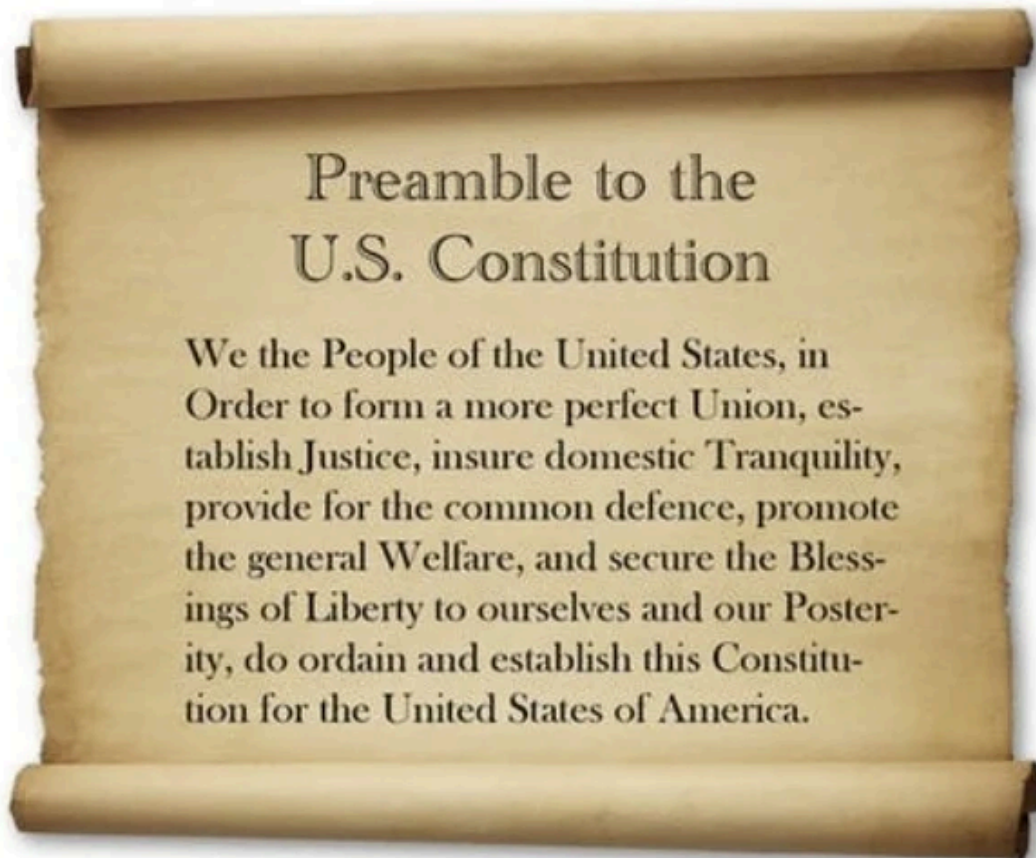
- [Watch](#) Kamala Harris' speech in San Francisco this week.
- Trump [breaks America](#), voters yawn? (with Anne Applebaum).
- [Watch](#) Chris Hayes' podcast, "Why Is This Happening?" with NY AG Letitia James.

This Week in Weird and Petty

- Trump [jokes](#) he'd 'like to be Pope.'
- Minnesota GOP senators [push](#) to classify 'Trump derangement syndrome' a mental illness. One of the senators is facing [calls to resign](#) after he was arrested and accused of arranging to solicit a teenage girl for prostitution.
- This week, AG Bondi claimed that "[i]n President Trump's first 100 days, we've seized over 22 million fentanyl laced pills, saving over 119 million lives." Then

she [upped the number](#) of lives saved to 258 million. The U.S. has a population of 341 million, meaning that if not for Trump, 75% of the people in the U.S. would be dead.

- Trump [fired](#) Doug Emhoff (an actual Jewish person) and Biden appointees from Holocaust museum board.
- Trump [got in an argument](#) with ABC's Terry Moran over whether the letters in an alleged photo of Abrego Garcia's hand were tattoos or labels applied in photoshop to indicate the meaning of each tattoo.
- In an 100-day interview with The Atlantic, Trump [claimed](#) "I run the country and the world."



Preamble to the U.S. Constitution

We the People of the United States, in
Order to form a more perfect Union, es-
tablish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility,
provide for the common defence, promote
the general Welfare, and secure the Bless-
ings of Liberty to ourselves and our Poster-
ity, do ordain and establish this Constitu-
tion for the United States of America.

So, how did Trump and the GOP do this week?

"Form a More Perfect Union"

- Trump's First 100 Days: [Destroying America](#) is the point.
- By transferring federal lands to the Department of Defense, Trump has expanded military bases along the southern border from California to Texas creating a "[National Defense Area](#)." The National Defense Area increases the military's role at the southern border, effectively bypassing longstanding legal restrictions put in place by the Posse Comitatus Act.
 - Trump [issues](#) executive order ramping up American police state. Military [authorized](#) to detain undocumented immigrants in New Mexico.
- [The Project 2025 Presidency](#): The blueprint for Trump 2.0 predicted much of what we've seen so far—and much of what's to come. (*Requires*

TheAtlantic.com subscription.)

- While Congress hashes out the FY2026 budget, Trump [released](#) his (that is, Russell Vought's) budget proposal. It contains a 23% cut (\$163 billion) in discretionary funding (housing, education, scientific research, programs for immigrants, [clean energy funding](#) and international aid), a 13% increase in military spending in addition to the \$150 billion Republicans are eying in a separate bill and \$175 billion more in border security. Trump's budget does not cover mandatory spending (Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid). Speaker Mike Johnson praised the proposed budget as "a bold blueprint that reflects the values of hardworking Americans and the commitment to American strength and prosperity."
- U.S. House committees [approved](#) the first three sections of spending and policy package: a \$150 billion increase in defense spending, a \$70 billion boost to border security funding and an overhaul of federal student loans and Pell grants.
- According to Rep. Dan Goldman (D-NY), in working through their budget, the GOP turned down a Democratic amendment that would have prevented the use of taxpayer money to deport American citizens. *Plus*, the GOP managed to find \$850 million to give as bonuses to ICE employees. Speaker Johnson wants the budget bill wrapped up by Memorial Day.

"Establish Justice"

- Analysis: Is the DOJ under Pam Bondi becoming [Trump's personal law firm](#)?
- Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson [sharply condemns](#) Trump's attacks on judges.
 - These judges ruled against Trump. Then their families [came under attack](#).
- Group founded by Trump ally Stephen Miller [sues](#) John Roberts in bid to control courts.
- Those big law firms that bent the knee to Trump will be doing [pro bono work](#) on tariffs, assisting in the revival coal as a source of energy and representing [police charged with misconduct](#).
- Lead pro bono attorney at Paul Weiss would rather [quit his job](#) than do work for Trump.
- WilmerHale was in court on Wednesday to [ask for decisive relief](#) from Trump's executive order aimed at undercutting the firm's business as retribution for representing his political adversaries. No decision in this case yet. The nonprofit group Demand Justice [is placing ads](#) near the Washington D.C. offices of law firms that cooperated with Trump: "Big law, stop bending the knee." They are also running digital ads and are running a mobile sign throughout the city.
- Court filings [show](#) that Microsoft has dropped Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, a law firm that appeased Trump, and hired Jenner & Block - one of four firms that is fighting Trump.
- Milwaukee judge Hannah Dugan was arrested on April 25 for obstruction of justice and concealing a person from arrest. The Wisconsin Supreme Court has [relieved of Judge Dugan of duty](#) with pay, which the Court has made clear is *not* a punishment. At the [heart of the matter](#) is the incident that occurred on April 18 when six immigration agents (ICE/FBI/DEA) were at the Milwaukee County Courthouse to detain Eduardo Flores-Ruiz, an undocumented man who

was in Judge Dugan's court on multiple counts of domestic-abuse battery resulting in physical pain or injury charge. While agents waited outside her courtroom, Judge Dugan handled Flores-Ruiz's case and then directed him and his attorney to exit the courtroom through a nonpublic jury door leading to a public hallway, where Flores-Ruiz was eventually arrested after a chase. Because one of the offenses listed in the criminal complaint against Dugan is felony obstruction of justice, the government [must obtain a grand jury indictment](#) for the DOJ can continue its case against Judge Dugan.

- DOJ's Civil Rights Division [sees mass exodus](#) of attorneys.
- The FBI is [using](#) polygraph tests (inadmissible in court due to unreliability) to identify sources of internal leaks.
- **Columbia University**
 - Prosecutors and a judge are said to have [repeatedly pushed back](#) on Emile Bove's demands for a criminal inquiry of Columbia protesters.
 - NYPD shared a Palestinian protester's info with ICE. Now it's evidence in her [deportation case](#).
 - Columbia student and green card holder, Mohsen Madawi, who led Palestinian protests, [was released](#) by the federal district court in Vermont. "Even if he were a firebrand, his conduct is protected by the First Amendment," the judge wrote, adding that offending political opponents or alarming the State Department doesn't make him dangerous enough to justify detention.
 - Green card holder and recent graduate of Columbia University involved in pro-Palestinian protests, Mahmoud Khalil's detention and deportation challenges are moving forward. The federal district court in New Jersey this week reaffirmed that it has habeas corpus jurisdiction over Khalil.
- This week, AG Pam Bondi [rescinded DOJ regulations](#) that limited the government's ability to seek phone or email records and compel testimony from journalists. DOJ investigators can now go after members of the media who obtain "privileged and other sensitive information," not just classified material, "that undermine President Trump's policies."

"Insure Domestic Tranquility"

May Day 2025 on Bainbridge Island. The estimated crowd of 400 was not so tranquil:



"Provide for a Common Defense"

- This week, Hegseth [boasted](#) about nixing a 'woke' program that Trump signed into law.
- Hegseth [ordered](#) that a makeup studio be installed at the Pentagon.
- Transgender military service members [urged](#) the Supreme Court to allow them to continue to serve, asking the Court to leave in place a lower court order against the Defense Department ban. At stake is whether the DOD ban can be enforced while the lawsuit goes forward.
- On April 29, the U.S. Navy [lost](#) a \$67 million fighter jet at sea when it fell off the USS Harry S. Truman aircraft carrier as the Truman evidently swerved to avoid Houthi cruise and ballistic missiles. The loss was the second since the crew of the USS Gettysburg [shot down](#) an F/A-18 on Dec. 22 in a friendly fire incident on the Red Sea. A ground offensive [may be coming](#).
- Dozens of African migrants reported [killed](#) in U.S. airstrike in Yemen.
- [Turmoil at the National Security Council](#): At least 20 members of the council have been released, and sections overseeing Latin America, legislative affairs

and international organizations are largely unstaffed. Waltz's promotion to UN ambassador [adds to the chaos](#).

- With the promotion of Mike Waltz to UN ambassador, Marco Rubio is now acting national security advisor, acting archivist, head of whatever is left of USAID, along with being Secretary of State.

"Promote the General Welfare"

• Economy

- U.S. economy [shrank](#) 0.3% in the first quarter as Trump policy uncertainty weighed on businesses.
- A CEO with 500 workers [explains](#) why he's suing Trump over tariffs.
- GM [cuts](#) 2025 profit forecast, expects up to \$5 billion tariff impact.
- Trump [adjusted](#) some auto tariffs after claiming he 'wanted to help' U.S. automakers.
- Donny 2 Dolls' War on Christmas: Kids [will adjust](#) to less this Christmas.
- In allowing the de minimis exemption to expire, Trump [allowed](#) a massive tariff on millions of Americans' purchases to go into effect today.
- WA ports [await sharp drop](#) in cargo as Trump's tariff battle with China drags on.
- Employers added **177,000 jobs** in April, a slight dip in hiring from 185,000 in March.

• Education

- Trump [signs](#) executive order to stop federal funding for NPR and PBS.
- Trump Organization [axes](#) prominent attorney William Burck for representing Harvard.
- Trump regime has [demanded](#) that the University of Pennsylvania restore accolades to female swimmers because they allowed a trans swimmer to compete or lose \$175 million in federal grants.
- The Supreme Court [heard arguments](#) this week on whether to approve the nation's first religious charter school, with the Court appearing divided. Justice Amy Barrett has recused herself.
- Republicans have found a way to help pay for tax cuts for billionaires by [overhauling the federal student loan system](#). Under Biden, repayment was based on income. Under Trump, it's one size fits all.
- The legal status of hundreds of students is [being restored](#) after their visas were abruptly revoked.
- Lawsuit alleges that thousands of Washington and Oregon children [are at risk](#) if Head Start ends.
- Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty [obtained](#) a temporary restraining order from the federal district court in DC preventing the Trump order to cut funding already appropriated by Congress from being activated.

- The American Library Association and the union for public employees sued the administration to challenge an executive order dismantling the Institute of Museum and Library Services. This week a federal district court has [temporarily blocked](#) the government's action.
- Today, Washington state Attorney General Nick Brown [joined a multistate lawsuit](#) challenging an illegal executive order that terminated AmeriCorps grants and reduced the agency's workforce by 85 percent. The executive order effectively ended the program that provides opportunities to more than 200,000 young people.
- **Health and Safety**
 - GOP lays the groundwork to [restrict abortion pill](#) with new junk science report.
 - RFK Jr. [believes](#) he ended a Trump conspiracy claim that HHS forced kids into slavery.
 - On Friday, an air traffic controller who handles airspace at the Newark, NJ, airport [told](#) NBC reporter Tom Costello "It is not safe. 'It is not a safe situation right now for the flying public.'"
 - RFK Jr. [calls](#) for 'new' vaccines to undergo time-wasting placebo-controlled trials. An HHS official described the policy as "radical," but it's short on details.
 - Trump regime decides that Medicaid and Medicare doesn't have to pay for weight-loss drugs like Wegovy, which are [too expensive](#) for most people to afford without insurance.
- **Immigrants**
 - In March, the DOJ quietly [dismissed](#) charges against alleged MS-13 gang leader, César Humberto López-Larios, who was arrested during the Biden administration. Lopez-Larios is believed to have information that could implicate top Salvadoran government officials in corrupt deals with MS-13. Rather than allowing that information to come out at trial, the charges were dropped and he was sent to CECOT in El Salvador.
 - This week the Trump DOJ [appealed](#) to the Supreme Court, challenging lower federal court orders requiring that the termination of temporary protected status for Venezuelan nationals be postponed. The National Temporary Protected Status Alliance challenged the Trump administration's decision to terminate TPS for Venezuelans in the U.S., arguing that the action was unlawful and motivated by racial bias.
 - There was a delay and the delay is over. The federal judge in the Abrego Garcia case [sets new deadlines](#) moving the discovery process forward as the case's fate remains unclear.
 - Trump says he *could* call El Salvador's president Bukele to get Kilmar Abrego Garcia back, [but he won't](#).

- White House touts nearly 140,000 deportations, but data [says](#) roughly half that number was actually deported.
- Dragged outside in the rain in the middle of the night in their underwear, an Oklahoma City family was [traumatized](#) when ICE raided their home, but they weren't the suspects. The agents left with their money, phones, laptops and no way to get them back.
- Louisiana is a [legal black hole](#) for immigrants.
- Detainees at Texas immigrant detention facility [send a message](#): SOS
- Maryland teenager [swept](#) into Trump immigration dragnet because of a photo showing *another* kid with a water pistol.
- The mother of an infant was [deported](#) to Cuba without her child. The GOP has evidently shed whatever (false) empathy they had 25 years ago for [Elián González](#).
- Kristi Noem shares her plan for Abrego Garcia if he's returned to the U.S.: [deportation to El Salvador](#).
- The Trump regime deported three American infants, 2, 4 (who has metastatic cancer) and 7 and claimed the mothers "chose" to leave voluntarily rather than be separated. Their attorneys [disagree](#). Then DHS [doxed](#) the mothers putting the families' lives at risk.
- A ten-year-old U.S. citizen recovering from brain cancer as [removed](#) to Mexico with her undocumented parents.
- An American-born two-year-old child known only by the initials V.M.L was [removed](#) to Honduras with her mother and sister without due process. The Trump-appointed judge scheduled a hearing for mid-May.
- The Dept. of the Interior terminated the funding for the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) program that funded legal representation services for unaccompanied immigrant children and ordered nonprofits that doing the work to stop. This week, the federal district court for the Northern District of California [granted a preliminary injunction blocking](#) Interior and ORR from withdrawing the services or funds provided by ORR until a final judgment in the matter is issued. The administration has appealed. Thanks to these cuts, children as young as three have been left to [represent themselves](#) in immigration court. Sen. Maisie Hirono (D-HI) has introduced a bill to correct that: [S.1297](#), "The Fair Day in Court for Kids Act."
- Trump is [looking beyond El Salvador](#) for a "safe third country" to which the undocumented migrants can be deported.
- Greyhound Lines' [policy on warrantless searches](#): "Greyhound Lines, Inc. does not consent to, or provide permission for, warrantless and/or suspicionless immigration enforcement activities on its buses or in its non-public property at bus stations."

- **Hiring the "Best" People**

- Remember Schedule F? [It's back](#) and being implemented by an executive order signed April 18 that will convert 50,000 government employees into de facto political appointees who serve only at the president's pleasure.
- The New York Times [reports](#) that so far, 58,486 federal workers have been cut from the federal workforce, an estimated 76,100 took the buyout and there are plans to cut 148,320 more federal workers.
- At his Senate confirmation hearing this week, Trump nominee for commissioner of Customs and Border Protection, Rodney Scott, was questioned about the [rape threat](#) he made to a co-worker.
- Mike Waltz is now the *former* national intelligence advisor to the president. He'll need Senate confirmation to take on his new post as UN ambassador and live in the \$15.85 million apartment [purchased](#) during Trump 1.0.

- **Free and Fair Elections**

- Trump's DOJ has [dismissed](#) all voting rights cases and fired investigators.
- Tom Emmer (R-MN) [calls](#) for ethics investigation into Rep. Angie Craig (D-MN) who held a town hall in his district (since he was unwilling to do so).
- Elections Assistance Commission [tells states](#): drop DEI policies if you want election security funds.
- North Carolina Supreme Court [gives](#) GOP control of NC election board.
- In the case of Allison Riggs, federal Judge Richard Myers is [to decide](#) how many voters need to update their voter registrations in order for their vote for the state's Supreme Court *cast last November* to be counted.
- One tiny victory: Settlement [approved](#) to end North Carolina voter suppression law striking down the "undeliverable mail" rule.

- **Freedom from Corruption**

- Don Jr. co-founds new private members club, Executive Branch, with a \$500,000 fee to join and as a yet unknown annual fee. Founding members include White House crypto czar David Sacks, crypto investors Tyler and Cameron Winklevoss and tech investor Chamath Palihapitiya. membership requires a referral and close screening. "We don't want members of the media or just a lot of lobbyists joining," said one person close to the club. "We want people to feel comfortable having conversations in privacy."

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

- Rather than provide life-saving health care, a good education, affordable housing and child care, the Trump regime [thinks paying women](#) \$5,000 to have a child will solve our country's low-birth-rate problem. But states like Washington that build housing faster have seen [their birth rates increase](#).



In Washington State

- Construction [picking up](#) at new Washington psychiatric hospital at Western State Hospital in Pierce County.
- 23andMe users' genetic data [is at risk](#), state AGs warn.
- New law [requires](#) clergy in Washington to report child abuse.
- New Washington law [adds certification requirement](#) for dementia care.
- Decision on investing WA Cares tax dollars in stock market [will be](#) on the Nov. 2025 ballot.
- Behind the scenes, Gov. Ferguson [backed](#) the bill to cap rent increases that's now on his desk for signature.
- Thousands of Washington state workers [lose out](#) on wage hikes.
- Electricity demand in Northwest is [forecasted to double](#) in next 20 years.
- State lawmakers [launch group](#) to spur 'guaranteed income' cash to homeless youth.
- Five tax bills lawmakers [passed](#) to underpin Washington's next state budget

In the World

- Real estate developer, Trump buddy and U.S. special envoy, Steve Witkoff, and Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi [held](#) new round of high-stakes nuclear talks this week.
- **United Kingdom**
 - UK and EU [defy Trump](#) with new draft declaration on trade and security.
 - Britain's populist anti-immigrant Reform UK party [made major gains](#) in local elections at expense of the Labour and Conservative parties in a backlash against Labour cuts to benefit programs.
- **Germany**
 - Germany's domestic intelligence agency [has upgraded](#) the designation of the AFD party (Alternative Fur Deutschland) from "suspected" threat to "confirmed right wing extremist force." The AFD, an anti-immigrant pro-Russia party, won 20 percent of the vote in the last election.
- **Ukraine**
 - On Wednesday, Secretary of Treasury Scott Bessent and Ukraine's First Deputy Prime Minister Yulia Svyrydenko [signed](#) the long-awaited natural resources deal. The agreement [must still be approved](#) by the Ukrainian parliament.
 - The deal does not require Ukraine to pay back money the U.S. provided to support its war with Russia.
 - It acknowledges that Putin started the war by invading Ukraine.
 - In addition to minerals, it covers Ukraine's oil and gas.
 - It acknowledges and does not hinder Ukraine's intention to join the EU.

- It does not include concrete security guarantees from the U.S.
- Profits from the sale of minerals and fossil fuels will be directed to a reconstruction investment fund that will be "fully reinvested in Ukraine's economy", either in new projects or reconstruction.
- Analysis from the BBC: [Seven takeaways](#) from the U.S./Ukraine minerals deal.
- Analysis from The Guardian: Is the minerals agreement a "[big deal?](#)"
- On April 10, top Europe general predicted that Ukraine [will be outgunned](#) by Russia 10 to 1 in weeks without U.S. help.
- Trump [approved](#) the first export of U.S. military supplies to Ukraine since becoming president, shortly before the minerals deal was finalized.
- Putin [announced](#) a 3-day Russian cease-fire to coincide with VE Day on May 8 (WW II Victory in Europe). Ukraine called for a 30-day cease-fire in response.
- JD Vance [says](#) the war in Ukraine "isn't ending anytime soon."
- **Gaza**
 - Israeli reservists [speak out against Gaza war](#) as pressure on Netanyahu grows.
 - Qatar [claims slight progress](#) towards ceasefire in Gaza.
 - U.N. agency [runs out of food aid](#) in Gaza after Israeli blockade.
 - U.N.'s top court [begins hearings](#) on Israel's legal duties towards Palestinians.
 - Israeli military [admits](#) its troops killed UN worker in Gaza Strip

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