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STARK INDIVISIBLE · WEEKLY MEMBER BRIEFING

# The Stark Truth

*Because democracy doesn't run itself — and neither does the truth.*

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 FROM YOUR ADMINS · STATE OF THE RESISTANCE

Friends — what a week. Iran. Lebanon. A military purge accelerating at home. And yet across the country, people are waking up. Wisconsin delivered the biggest judicial landslide in years. The resistance is showing up at the ballot box, in the courts, on the streets. We have two major events coming — April 18th and May 1st. A petition circulating in Stark County needs your signature right now. And we need your financial support to keep doing this work. Read every section. Share it. Show up.

— *Your Stark Indivisible Admin Team*

 THIS WEEK'S ASKS — DO THESE THINGS

► **SIGN THE DATA CENTER PETITION — THIS WEEK:** Saturday April 11 at Hartville Flea Market Booth #2058 (8 AM–5 PM) and Body of Christ Ministries, 6555 Shepler Church Ave, Navarre (11 AM–1:30 PM). Full story in the Ohio section below.

► **REGISTER — APRIL 18TH "WHAT COMES NEXT" MEETING:** Stark DD · 2950

Whipple Ave NW, Canton · 1–3 PM. Full details in Events section.

<https://www.mobilize.us/starkindivisible/event/931346/>

► **REGISTER — MAY 1ST MAYDAY STRONG RALLY:** Central Plaza North · Canton · 4:30–6:30 PM. Full details in Events section.

<https://www.mobilize.us/mayday/event/931674/>

► **CALL REP. RULLI ON ICE OVERSIGHT:** (202) 225-3876

*"Hi, my name is [YOUR NAME] and I'm a constituent in Ohio's 6th District. Six people have died in ICE custody in 2026 and I want to know: does Rep. Rulli support independent oversight of ICE detention facilities? Will he call for hearings on these deaths? Please log my call. Thank you."*

► **DONATE TO STARK INDIVISIBLE:** Visit <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/indivisibleesc1374328387>

## Global & National Headlines

### **US-Iran Ceasefire Holds — But Israel Bombed Lebanon Anyway, Killing More Than 250**

A last-minute two-week ceasefire with Iran was brokered by Pakistan, announced hours before Trump's deadline. But Israel launched its largest single attack of the war on Wednesday — 100 strikes in 10 minutes across Beirut — killing more than 250 people, many in civilian neighborhoods far from Hezbollah's strongholds. Lebanon declared a national day of mourning. Israel says it will begin direct talks with Lebanon, but only "under fire." US troops remain in the region with no clear exit date.

**Why it matters:** *A ceasefire that one party ignores isn't a ceasefire. We are still at war. We are still paying for it.*

### **Trump Threatens to Pull Out of NATO**

Following a meeting with NATO's Secretary General, Trump threatened to withdraw the US from the alliance that has kept peace in Europe for 75 years. Whether negotiating tactic or genuine policy, the signal destabilizes every democratic alliance built since World War II.

**Why it matters:** *Abandoning NATO doesn't project strength — it invites aggression from those who would fill the vacuum.*

### **Wisconsin Democrats Win Supreme Court by 20 Points — A November Warning Sign**

Democratic-backed Judge Chris Taylor won a Wisconsin Supreme Court seat by 20 points in a state

Trump carried in 2024 — the fourth straight liberal win, cementing a 5-2 majority through 2030. In Georgia, Republicans held a House seat but won by only 12 points in a district Trump carried by 37. Democratic strategist Joe Zepecki: "The president and his party should be freaking out."

**Why it matters:** *People are angry, and they're voting. November is coming. Channel that energy here in Stark County.*

## North Korea Tests Ballistic Missiles with Cluster-Bomb Warheads

While the world watched Iran and Lebanon, North Korea launched ballistic missiles armed with cluster-bomb warheads, pushing to expand its nuclear-capable forces.

**Why it matters:** *Multiple global crises are unfolding simultaneously. When our attention is on one fire, others grow.*

## Trump Proposes Eliminating LIHEAP — Home Energy Assistance for Low-Income Families

The administration has proposed eliminating the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, which helps low-income families pay heating and cooling bills — even as electric bills in West Virginia are already topping mortgage payments despite Trump's Day 1 promises.

**Why it matters:** *Thousands of Stark County seniors and families depend on LIHEAP. This isn't fiscal discipline — it's cruelty dressed up as policy.*

## ICE Enforcement Watch

### 73,000 in Detention — TSA Sharing Travel Records — Soldier's Wife Arrested on Base

ICE is holding approximately 73,000 immigrants — the highest ever, an 84% increase since January 2025. Over 70% have no criminal record; 95% have never been convicted of a violent crime. Six people have died in ICE custody in 2026. Reuters reports TSA supplied ICE with records on more than 31,000 travelers, leading to over 800 arrests. ICE agents have shot at least eight people this year. Reports emerged that ICE arrested the wife of a US soldier on a military base. The administration continues pursuing deportation of Kilmar Ábrego García — wrongfully deported to El Salvador — now to Liberia, a country he has no ties to.

**Why it matters:** *Your travel records are now enforcement data. Military families are not exempt. This is mass detention of people who pose no threat.*

#### RIGHTS & RESOURCES

**Administrative vs. judicial warrant:** ICE often carries an administrative warrant — this does NOT give agents the right to enter your home. Only a *judicial warrant signed by a judge*

compels entry. Ask to see it through a closed door. Say: *"I do not consent to entry. I am exercising my right to remain silent. I want to speak to a lawyer."*

Full guide: <https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/immigrants-rights>

 ECONOMY — YOUR KITCHEN TABLE

### **Your Electric Bill Is the Next Frontier**

Most Americans have felt tariff pain at the grocery store — but the next hit may come on your electric bill. Ohio has approximately 200 data centers — one of the highest concentrations in the country. One large data center uses as much electricity as 100,000 homes. Energy experts warn the surge in data center demand could drive up rates for every Ohio household. Add the proposed elimination of LIHEAP, and the families least able to absorb costs are the most exposed. Your grocery bill, your gas tank, your electric bill — all connected to the same policy choices in Columbus and Washington right now.

 **Ohio State Watch**

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● URGENT — OHIO ACTION REQUIRED

## Sign the Petition to Limit Data Centers in Ohio

Ohio Residents for Responsible Development has won unanimous Ballot Board approval to collect signatures for a constitutional amendment prohibiting data centers over 25 megawatts.

What's at stake:

- ▶ **Your water:** Data centers devour water for cooling — threatening Lake Erie, the Ohio River, and local aquifers.
- ▶ **Your farmland:** Prime Ohio agricultural land is being bought up and paved over.
- ▶ **Your property taxes:** Inflated land values push up taxes for everyone nearby — while data centers enjoy tax exemptions your small business doesn't.
- ▶ **Your democracy:** Some local officials signed NDAs and refused to share project details with the public.

**413,000 signatures needed by July 1.** The Ohio House unanimously passed a data center study commission bill. Speaker Huffman is working to override DeWine's veto on eliminating the data center sales tax exemption. Momentum is building. Can't make a signing? Email [starkindivisible@gmail.com](mailto:starkindivisible@gmail.com).

## Ohio Primary — Early Voting Underway, May 5 Election Day

Early in-person voting runs through May 4. Absentee ballot request deadline: April 28. New law: ballots must be physically received by poll close May 5 — not just postmarked. Return early.

## 📍 Stark County Local

### April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month — Wear Blue, Get Involved

Wear blue this month. Monthly foster care information meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month, 6–7 PM, in-person and virtual. Contact Jennifer Loomis: 330-451-8789 or [Jennifer.Loomis@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Loomis@jfs.ohio.gov).

### Stark Parks Spring Events Through April

Earth Day E-Cycle Drop-Off: April 22, Tam O'Shanter Park, 4–7 PM. Wildflower Walkabout: April 23, Sippo Lake Park, 6–7 PM. Jack Cullen Memorial Trout Derby for kids ages 4–15: April 25, St. Helena Heritage Park, Canal Fulton. Free bait and trophies. Register at [StarkParks.com](http://StarkParks.com).

 UPCOMING EVENTS — BE THERE

## April 18 · "What Comes Next" Meeting

Stark DD · 2950 Whipple Ave NW, Canton · 1–3 PM

Plan our next steps, strengthen our coalition, get ready for May 1st.

Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/starkindivisible/event/931346/>

## May 1 · MayDay Strong — Workers Over Billionaires

Central Plaza North · Canton · 4:30–6:30 PM

Stark Indivisible, Akron Canton PSL, and Action Together Stark. Speaker: Paul Polumba, Canton Professional Educators/OEA.

Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/mayday/event/931674/>

## No Work. No School. No Shopping. Together we show them who has the power.

We flex our collective muscle through a national day of marches, rallies, and action — and right here in Canton we make our voices impossible to ignore.

- ★ Tax the rich so our families — not their fortunes — come first
- ★ No ICE. No war. No private army serving unchecked federal power
- ★ Expand democracy, not corporate power. Hands off our vote

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 LOCAL OFFICIAL SPOTLIGHT

**Rep. Mike Rulli (OH-6):** Six people have died in ICE custody in 2026. TSA handed ICE travel records on 31,000 Americans. Reports this week indicate ICE arrested a US soldier's wife on a military base. Has Rulli said anything? Called for hearings? Demanded accountability? Call (202) 225-3876 and tell us what they say at [starkindivisible@gmail.com](mailto:starkindivisible@gmail.com). We will report what we hear.

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Everything we do runs on people power and community support. Even \$5 keeps the truth coming every Friday.

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/indiviblec1374328387>

*We are exploring additional ways to donate. For now, ActBlue is our home. Thank you for stepping up.*

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 FROM THE COMMUNITY

Did you sign the petition? Make a call? Bring a neighbor? Tell us — one or two sentences — and you might find yourself right here next week. Email [starkindivisible@gmail.com](mailto:starkindivisible@gmail.com) or drop it in the Stark Indivisible Facebook group. This space is yours.

● FEEL GOOD FRIDAY — IT'S TRUE, IT'S REAL, IT HAPPENED

## Lost for a Week in the Wild — Molly the Dog Comes Home

A New Zealand hiker fell and was seriously injured in the backcountry, separated from her beloved dog Molly. For a full week, Molly was missing in the wilderness. Then — thanks to an outpouring of strangers who organized search parties, shared posts, and refused to quit — Molly was found and the two were reunited. A whole community of people who didn't know each other showed up for a dog and her person. That's still who we are, even now.

📖 FROM THE PAGES OF HISTORY

## April 9, 1865: Lee Surrenders at Appomattox — A Nation Holds Its Breath

On this date 161 years ago, General Robert E. Lee surrendered to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House, ending the Civil War. Lee's army was starving — surviving on parched corn, days without a real meal. Grant commanded 120,000 troops to Lee's 28,000. The war had cost 620,000 American lives — more than any conflict before or since. What's often forgotten: Grant offered generous terms. Confederate soldiers kept their horses. There was no mass punishment. Grant later wrote he felt no joy — only sadness that so much blood had been shed. The lesson: Even at the moment of greatest victory, the goal was healing, not revenge. We fight hard. We win. Then we build.

*And now you know... **the Stark Truth.***

*Stay loud, stay kind, stay indivisible. Stay engaged.*

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