

# NAACP

## WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE



**Forbes:** [NAACP President Derrick Johnson On Inclusion Fueling Business Growth](#)

As President and CEO of the NAACP, Derrick Johnson leads a more than century-long effort to fight for economic inclusion by building Black political, social, and economic power. This week, I spoke with him about how to work with the private sector, including the recently released Congressional Black Caucus [report](#), and why he says not pursuing inclusion is “not a growth strategy. It's a shrink strategy.”

**Billboard:** [UMG Mobilizes Its 'Use Your Voice' Voter Education Campaign](#)

“The NAACP is proud to work with UMG in ensuring that democracy works for everybody. Black voices matter, and we know that when our communities Pull up to the Polls, we’re heard,” said Dominik Whitehead, NAACP SVP of Campaigns and Mobilization.

**ABC News:** [Trump confronted by 'Central Park 5' member he called to be](#)

[executed following debate](#)

Video: The president of the NAACP discusses former President Donald Trump's debate performance and the awkward exchange he had with New York City councilmember Yusef Salaam.

**The Hill:** [Black voters, buoyed by Harris, more excited to vote in 2024 than in 2008: Poll](#)

A survey from the NAACP, in partnership with HIT Strategies and Hart Research, found that 78 percent of Black voters feel the same sense of excitement as when Obama first ran, with 56 percent being more excited now than in 2008.

**ABC 47:** [Maryland NAACP Youth advocated on Capitol Hill](#)

National Day of Advocacy is celebrated annually in Washington, D.C. at Capitol Hill, and local NAACP members went there to join the call for action. Many gathered to advocate for the issues they feel are crippling this country, many NAACP chapters from all across America are standing hand in hand.

**Key Biscayne Independent:** [NAACP demands meeting with Miami-Dade mayor over police handcuffing of Dolphin star receiver](#)

"I'm aware of other incidents similar to this in the community, where a traffic stop was escalated to something that it didn't necessarily have to. And so this is a common pattern of behavior," said Harold Ford, president of the NAACP chapter.

**The State:** [More than 20 USC student groups object to 'hurtful' Kamala Harris roast on campus](#)

"Hate speech has long served as a weapon to undermine the progress of our nation," NAACP CEO Derrick Johnson said in a statement. "If (USC)'s leadership values their Black students, it's only right they shut this event down. Our nation's schools must remain havens for learning, not platforms for hate.

**TC Palm:** [Indian River County School Board discusses proposed changes to achievement gap committee](#)

School district and NAACP officials already are working to close the achievement gap between white and Black students, so there's no reason to change those efforts, local NAACP President Tony Brown said Monday.

**13 News Now:** [The Hampton NAACP hosts forum on election disinformation](#)

Video: Hampton NAACP hosts forum on election disinformation.

**Texarkana Gazette:** [NAACP officer appointed to open spot on Texarkana ISD school board](#)

Texarkana Independent School District has filled an open spot on its Board of Trustees.

**Herald Banner:** [NAACP banquet to feature A&M-Commerce's Lavelle Hendricks as speaker](#)

Greenville's Branch 6181 of the NAACP is currently selling tickets for its annual Freedom Fund Banquet Dinner and Awards Night fundraiser. The banquet is scheduled for Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. at Fletcher Warren Civic Center in Greenville. The guest speaker has been announced as long-serving Texas A&M University-Commerce educator and tirelessly active member of the Commerce community Dr. Lavelle Hendricks.

**Local 3 News:** [Tennessee's NAACP kicks off 78th annual state convention in Chattanooga](#)

The Tennessee Conference of the NAACP kicked off its 78th annual state convention, here in Chattanooga on Thursday. NAACP members from across Tennessee gathered at Orchard Knob Missionary Baptist Church for the event's opening press conference.

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## STATEMENTS:

- [NAACP Reflects on 1st Presidential Debate Between Harris and Trump](#)
- [NAACP Hosts National Advocacy Day Event during CBC Week, Advancing Policies for Black America](#)
- [NAACP Unveils Fresh Data Targeting 14.5 Million Black Voters](#)

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## CIVIC HOLIDAYS



Celebrating civic holidays is a crucial part of strengthening our democracy. At the NAACP, we believe these holidays provide an essential platform for uplifting and empowering our communities. By participating in these events, we can highlight the importance of voter registration, education, and participation.

- [National Voter Registration Day](#) and [National Black Voter Day](#) emphasize the importance of registering to vote.
- [National Voter Education Week](#) is focused on informing citizens about their rights and the voting process, enabling them to make informed decisions.
- [Vote Early Day](#) encourages early participation in elections.
- On [Election Hero Day](#), we honor the dedication and hard work of poll workers and election officials who uphold the integrity of our electoral system.
- On [Election Day](#)... we head to the polls!

Together, these civic holidays serve as a reminder and call to action for all of us to engage actively in the democratic process. By doing so, we not only honor our right to vote but also contribute to a more inclusive and representative government.

**P.S.** Are you an NAACP member? Through September 20, we are challenging each unit to register 50-100 voters. [Visit our site to learn more.](#)

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## STAND AGAINST HAIR RELAXING PRODUCTS



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**SIGN OUR PETITION: [NAACP.ORG](https://naacp.org)**

For decades, hair relaxers have been marketed to Black women, despite growing evidence linking them to serious health risks. The National Institutes of Health's 2022 "Sister Study" revealed an increased risk of uterine cancer, especially for frequent users.

The NAACP is partnering with Singleton Schriber to challenge these harmful practices and seek justice for those affected. [Sign our petition](#) and add your voice to

this important fight for industry reforms that prioritize women's health.

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## PROJECT 2025



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**NAACP.ORG/OUR2025**

[Project 2025](#) threatens to undo decades of progress for our communities, stripping away our rights and silencing our voices. This extremist, right-wing agenda seeks to take us back, but NAACP is fighting forward with [Our 2025](#) — a bold vision that champions higher wages, quality education, and justice for all.

We refuse to let this radical manifesto dictate our future. We must fight, we must advocate - **we must vote** - to ensure that [Our 2025](#) becomes our reality.

[Learn More About Our 2025](#)

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## ORDER OUR NEW T-SHIRTS



Now more than ever, it's important to wear your activism on your sleeve (literally). We are thrilled to announce that new NAACP t-shirts are available for order (and pre-order) in the NAACP Store. Show your support by wearing these statement T-shirts:

- **“Our Black Job Is Voting”** T-shirt — [Pre-Order here.](#)
- **“Political As Hell”** T-shirt — [Order here.](#)
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