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WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE



The Hill: [Skip the lectures: Black voters would rather be heard](#)

Where do we go from here? The fight for freedom and democracy is nothing new to the NAACP. For over a century, we have worked in communities, and with Congress and the White House, to ensure the protection and advancement of Black America. And we're not stopping now.

The New York Times: [In Angola, Biden Warns That Slavery's History Should Not Be Erased](#)

"It's important that we're here because of the historical significance, but the president also made a commitment to look at Africa, to invest in Africa," Derrick Johnson, the president of the NAACP, said in an interview. "We need to work with the African nations to rebuild and strengthen the infrastructure."

AdAge: [How the NAACP is renewing support for racial justice](#)

“Our advocacy DNA requires that we point out when we are taking steps backward,” said Aba Blankson, chief marketing and communications officer of the NAACP, on the latest episode of the Marketer’s Brief podcast. “In this moment, it was important to pause for a second and say ‘Hey, we cannot continue down this path.’”

WICS: [Springfield NAACP President elect shares plans for the future](#)

Austin Randolph will ring in the new year as the newly elected President of the Springfield Branch’s NAACP.

NBC25: [NAACP, Maryland AG speak out after arrests in Ocean City, Maryland caught on camera](#)

The NAACP Maryland State Conference is demanding that Ocean City officers be removed from their posts and that a thorough investigation be conducted after several videos showing violent confrontations between police and young people on the boardwalk went viral.

Marijuana Moment: [NAACP And Allies Push New York Governor To Stop Letting Marijuana Officials Favor ‘Big Corporations’ Over Small Businesses And Equity](#)

“When you entered office, you publicly committed to New York having the most equitable and small business-focused cannabis market in the country, but we are seeing different priorities from your administration,” says the new open letter, signed by organizations including the NAACP New York State Conference, Black Cannabis Industry Association, Minority Cannabis Business Association, Service Disabled Veterans in Cannabis Association, Drug Policy Alliance, NYC NORML and VOCAL-NY.

Campaign Legal Center: [Defending Nonpartisan Civic Engagement Organizations in Missouri \(LWVMO and Missouri NAACP v. Missouri\)](#)

The League of Women Voters of Missouri and Missouri State Conference of the NAACP are challenging several parts of Missouri’s anti-voter bill that restrict civic engagement groups’ ability to assist with voter registration and absentee ballot applications.

KOLO: [Reno-Sparks NAACP awarded an environmental grant towards smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors](#)

The local [Reno-Sparks NAACP](#) branch was recently awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Environmental In House Protection Education Program to use for the purchase of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide monitors.

The NAACP view environmental and climate justice as a civil rights issue, and their goal with this grant is to provide the necessities to people who otherwise have no access or the means to get them.

WICS: [NAACP backs Massey family, stresses accountability amid Grayson's legal proceedings](#)

The statement by NAACP Springfield Branch President Austin Randolph Jr reads: "The NAACP Springfield Branch stands firmly with the Massey family, honoring her memory and recognizing the shared grief felt throughout the community."

Herald-Mail Media: [Washington County NAACP hosts event promoting Black-owned businesses](#)

The Washington County branch of the NAACP is putting on its quarterly Black Market on Dec. 14, finishing off a successful first year hosting markets aimed to promote Black-owned businesses.

STATEMENTS:

- [NAACP President Reacts to President-elect Trump's Cabinet Appointments](#)
- [NAACP Commends Biden Administration for Opening Pathways to Combat Obesity](#)

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This would give the executive branch unchecked authority to silence nonprofits, stripping away their tax-exempt status for challenging injustice or holding powerful interests accountable. It’s a direct assault on our ability to fight for racial equity, advocate for justice, and uplift the voices of the communities we serve.

We cannot let this dangerous legislation become law. The NAACP is calling on you to [email your senator today](#) and demand they reject H.R. 9495 or any version of the bill — both now or in the future. Together, we can defend the freedoms that empower nonprofits to fight for justice and racial equity.

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Vanessa Mbonu, NAACP’s Vice President of Marketing, will be speaking on December 13 during a panel exploring approaches to driving AI innovation while prioritizing equity and inclusivity.

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