

# NAACP

## WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE



**MSNBC:** [‘We are facing an onslaught’: How the NAACP and civil rights lawyers are prepping for new Trump era](#)

VIDEO: “We will get attacked, but we will continue to fight” to maintain hard-fought protections, says NAACP President Derrick Johnson.

**The Washington Post:** [Trump pick for DOJ civil rights draws blowback from advocacy leaders](#)

NAACP President Derrick Johnson said Tuesday that Dhillon’s characterization that her nonprofit organization is protecting the rights of individuals not supported by “legacy civil rights” groups amounted to “gaslighting.”

**Airbnb:** [How we’re using data to make travel more open for all](#)

“The NAACP has and continues to pursue equitable experiences for all travelers and we’re proud to see our longstanding partner, Airbnb, illuminate the path forward through initiatives like Project Lighthouse. As a multinational corporation, Airbnb has fully embraced what it means to

build and sustain a global community that eliminates any intentional or unintentional barriers for individuals to fully participate and we look forward to seeing the progress that this, and similar partnerships can accomplish.” – Derrick Johnson, NAACP President and CEO

**Black Enterprise:** [NAACP #KeepAdvancing Campaign Calls On Past Donors To Renew Support In Racial Justice Fight](#)

The NAACP [launched the campaign](#) in October to attract audiences of all backgrounds and reform relationships with donors and allies who previously supported the organization during the Blackout Tuesday collective protest against systemic racism in 2020.

**Rolling Out:** [NAACP launches #KeepAdvancing campaign to reignite support for racial justice](#)

In a statement made during the campaign’s announcement, NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson expressed his commitment to leading the organization into a new era of inclusivity. He stated, “To stay at the forefront of the fight, we must widen the margin of inclusivity and invite all to participate in progress because advancement is a right that benefits everyone.” Johnson emphasized that this campaign marks just the beginning of a broader movement.

**The Associated Press:** [The NAACP ends its challenge over Mississippi creating a new court in majority-Black capital city](#)

“Plaintiffs are heartened by reports that the CCID Court will be established with appropriate safeguards for Jackson’s residents, and have decided to drop their challenge to the manner of appointing officials to serve that court,” attorneys for the NAACP wrote in federal court papers filed Monday.

**DC News Now:** [NAACP demands action after teacher’s insensitive Black history lesson in Loudoun County](#)

Loudoun County NAACP President Pastor Michelle Thomas said the lesson one week ago was insensitive and parents have reached out to her saying their kids were humiliated. “It was very embarrassing for those students and not easy to talk about at all,” Thomas said.

**NBC4 Washington:** [Loudoun County history lesson involving cotton ‘humiliated’ Black students](#)

Loudoun County NAACP President Pastor Michelle Thomas said she

received a complaint from a Black student in the class after the lesson at the Leesburg school last Thursday. “Black students were extremely embarrassed and humiliated. In some sections of the class, we had students that were actually laughing and making jokes,” she said.

**FOX5 DC:** [Loudoun County teacher under fire after having students pass around a stalk of cotton during class](#)

Some parents in Loudoun County are turning to the county’s NAACP for support after they say several students were forced to pass around a stalk of cotton as part of a class demonstration. Loudoun County NAACP President Pastor Michelle Thomas says the incident in question took place at Riverside High School.

**WATE:** [Knoxville NAACP urges local lawmakers to reject school voucher bill](#)

The Knoxville NAACP sent a letter to the Tennessee General Assembly on Wednesday urging Knox County state senators and representatives to vote in opposition. “We see this house bill one senate Bill one as a threat to the resilience to the strength and to the just overall resourcing of our public schools,” said Knoxville NAACP President Reverend Sam Brown.

**Richland Source:** [Mansfield NAACP announces Alomar Davenport as new president](#)

“We’re excited to present our vision for the NAACP and engage the community in our ongoing mission to promote social justice, eliminate prejudice, and secure equal rights for all,” Davenport said.

**WWLP:** [Greater Springfield NAACP reelects Bishop Swan as president](#)

In his eighth term, he will continue to fight for racial and social equity, addressing critical issues such as systemic racism, economic inequality, and voter suppression. Swan has previously been a speaker across national events including the NAACP National Convention, the National Conference of the National Council of Negro Women, the National Action Network, and the 60th Anniversary of the March on Washington.

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**STATEMENTS:**

- [NAACP Condemns Jury Verdict in Trial of Daniel Penny](#)

## PROTECT NONPROFITS



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With H.R. 9495, the incoming administration is threatening to use its power to dismantle tax-exempt organizations it opposes. This **“Kill Nonprofits Bill”** puts civil society groups across the political spectrum — including the NAACP — at serious risk.

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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