

NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP



The New York Times: [The NAACP has joined a major lawsuit challenging President Trump's executive order](#)

The NAACP has joined a major lawsuit challenging President Trump's executive order last week that required voters to show proof of citizenship in order to cast a ballot in federal elections. The order has inspired a wave of litigation, with a throng of Democrats independently [filing](#) their own challenge last night, and other groups, including the League of Women Voters and the Hispanic Federation banding together to challenge the order.

ABC News: [Civil rights groups sue Trump over executive order requiring citizenship proof in registering to vote](#)

Civil rights groups, including the NAACP, filed a federal lawsuit on Tuesday challenging President Donald Trump's [effort to overhaul the election system](#).

The Hill: [Trump's executive order on elections sparks backlash](#)

“I think this is just another dog whistle. It’s fearmongering,” said Dominik Whitehead, senior vice president of campaigns and mobilization at NAACP, another group suing over the order.

Scott MacFarlane (CBS News): [NAACP, League of Women Voters & Hispanic Federation sue to stop Trump elections executive order](#)

Suit: “The President may do no such thing. Under the Constitution the President has no authority to make or change the rules for conducting federal elections”

The Crusader: [Judge halts dismantling of federal consumer watchdog in landmark ruling](#)

The decision is a major legal victory for a coalition of plaintiffs, including the National Consumer Law Center (NCLC), the NAACP, the Virginia Poverty Law Center, the National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU), and the CFPB Employee Association.

NBC News: [Cory Booker’s record-breaking speech ignites a Democratic base ‘desperate’ for a fighter](#)

NAACP President Derrick Johnson thanked Booker “for demonstrating true courage in the face of hatred.” ... “Despite Trump’s attempts to silence the voices, contributions, and history of Black people, a Black man just made history tonight in protest of Trump himself,” he said in a statement.

NBC News: [Cory Booker sets record for longest Senate speech in anti-Trump remarks that exceeded 25 hours](#)

NAACP President Derrick Johnson praised Booker’s efforts in a statement. “The darkest times call on all of us to be courageous, and that is what Cory Booker is doing,” Johnson said.

WAPT: [JSU NAACP push students to “Stroll to the Polls” on Election Day](#)

Members of JSU’s NAACP Chapter were on the Gibbs-Green Pedestrian Walkway Tuesday afternoon. They were telling fellow students about the importance of voting in this year’s municipal elections. There is a voting precinct right on the main campus of the university.

Newsweek: [NAACP Warns of Unconstitutional Third Trump Term](#)

NAACP President Derrick Johnson just sent in this statement on Cory Booker’s speech: “Especially now, with Donald Trump laying the

foundation for an unconstitutional third term, we must all use our platforms—no matter how big or small—to cause this wannabe dictator hell. The darkest times call on all of us to be courageous, and that is what Cory Booker is doing.”

KUTV: [Branch president reflects on legacy of Ogden’s NAACP](#)

26 years after the 1918 founding of the Salt Lake branch of the NAACP, another branch formed in the community of Ogden. “This year will be 81 years that we got our start,” said Betty Sawyer, President of Ogden’s NAACP.

NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [NAACP, Voting Rights Groups Challenge Trump’s Recent Executive Order](#)
- [NAACP Celebrates Win in Lawsuit to Preserve the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau \(CFPB\)](#)

FEDERAL BUDGET & TAX FIGHT



The **Senate** is debating the federal budget today, and critical programs like **Social Security, Medicare/Medicaid, SNAP, and veterans’ benefits** are at risk of being cut, while lawmakers continue pushing tax

breaks for the wealthy.

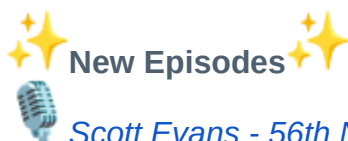
We can't afford a budget that puts billionaires first and working families last. **Now is the time to act.** [Send a letter to your Senators](#) and demand a budget that puts people over profits. Our future is on the line, let's make our voices heard before it's too late.

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OUR CULTURE, OUR STORIES PODCAST



Step into the world of Black excellence, creativity, and activism with [Our Culture, Our Stories](#) — the official NAACP Image Awards Podcast Series. Bringing the spirit of the Image Awards all year round, this podcast is your go-to space for unfiltered, inspiring conversations with today's most influential actors, musicians, authors, activists, and civic leaders.



[Scott Evans - 56th NAACP Image Awards Recap pt. 2](#): Access

Hollywood co-anchor Scott Evans shares behind-the-scenes moments and reflections from Black Hollywood's biggest night.



[Angelique Jackson - 56th NAACP Image Awards Recap pt. 1:](#)

Variety's Angelique Jackson gives an insider's look at the stars, culture, and impact of Image Awards week.

Watch & Listen: [Our Culture, Our Stories on the NAACP+ YouTube channel.](#)

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Funding is available for exceptional students interested in STEM, marketing, communications, art, and more.

APPLY: MARCH 3-APRIL 11, 2025

*Scholarship recipients will be announced in the Summer of 2025

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Applications for [NAACP's Inspire Initiatives Scholarships](#) close next week! These opportunities are designed to support Black students and students of color in achieving their academic and career goals.

Apply now through April 11, 2025.

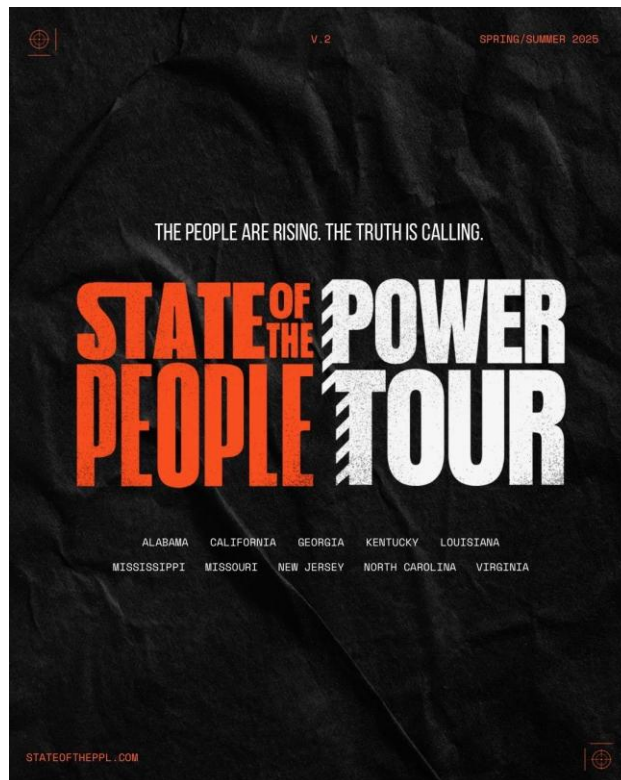
This year's scholarships include:

- [Agnes Jones Jackson Scholarship](#)
- [Building Beautiful Futures Scholarship Powered by Dark & Lovely](#)
- [Empowering a Better Tomorrow Scholarship Powered by Walmart](#)
- [James Weldon Johnson Scholarship](#)
- [Hubertus W. V. Willems Scholarship](#)
- [The Ed Dwight Scholarship](#)
- [The NAACP x Society Awards Scholarship](#)
- [The Dearmont-Dyas Scholarship](#)

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STATE OF THE PEOPLE



After reaching one million viewers during the State of the People 24-Hour

Marathon, the “State of the People POWER Tour” will launch its first phase in April. This dynamic initiative will travel to 10 cities, amplifying local voices, providing essential resources, and building momentum for a national Black agenda shaped by and for the Black community.

Each stop on the tour will feature two powerful days of programming, including community-led aid distributions, interactive town halls, and rallies designed to inspire action and amplify collective power. With more than 50 partner organizations and local leaders, the POWER Tour fosters collaboration and delivers real solutions that respond directly to the needs of our communities.

The tour is set to stop in North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, New Jersey, Virginia, Missouri, California, and Kentucky, and will culminate with a Juneteenth General Assembly.

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CRATI: NEW ORLEANS



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Civil Rights Advocacy Training Institute 2025

SAVE THE DATE

Join the NAACP for the Medgar Evers Civil Rights Advocacy Training Institute (CRATI), an annual leadership conference designed to empower youth and adult leaders to influence the people and policies that impact their communities.

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REP. AL GREEN (D-TX)

REGISTER AT [NAACP.ORG/EVENTS](https://naacp.org/events)

The [Medgar Evers Civil Rights Advocacy Training Institute \(CRATI\)](#) is coming to New Orleans, LA, and registration is still open! Don't miss this opportunity to gain the skills needed to influence policies and drive change in your community.



Special Highlight: U.S. Representative Al Green (D-Tx) will take the stage to deliver a powerful address on civil rights, advocacy, and the fight for democracy.

CRATI provides youth and adult leaders with essential training in political advocacy, community organizing, coalition building, and executive leadership. This is your chance to connect with fellow changemakers and strengthen your impact.

[**Register Now**](#)

MOBILIZATION IN WISCONSIN ELECTION



The NAACP played a critical role in mobilizing Black voters for Wisconsin's 2025 Spring General Election, focusing on protecting civil rights and ensuring a fair judicial system. In partnership with GSSA, LLC and America Votes Wisconsin, the NAACP led a multi-layered voter outreach effort.

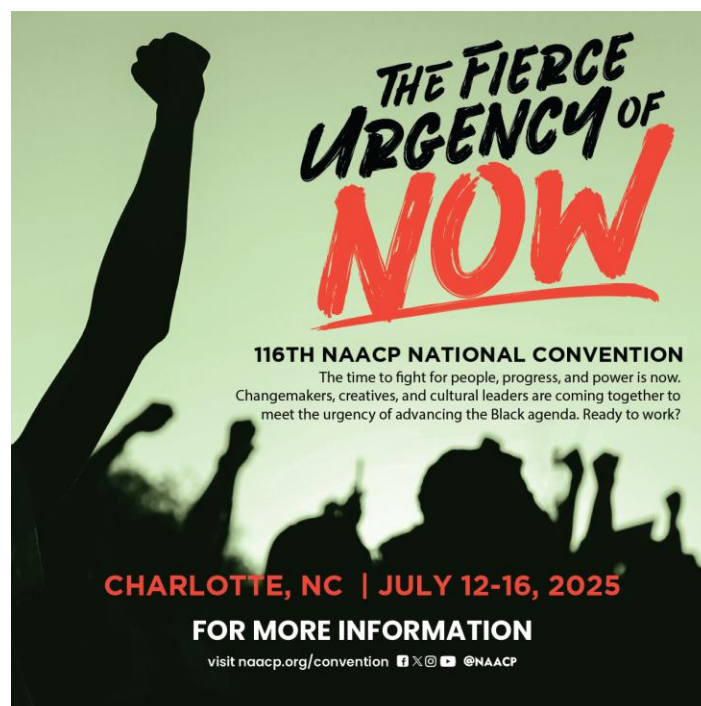
Key mobilization efforts:

- **Phone banking:** We ran a successful two-round phone banking program that connected volunteers with more than 56,000 voters and secured **20,747 commitments to vote**.
- **SMS reminders:** We reinforced voter commitments by sending targeted Election Day text reminders, ensuring strong turnout among those who pledged to vote.
- **NAACP Wisconsin State Conference efforts:** We distributed over 40,000 non-partisan voter guides, hosted community events to educate voters, and deployed NAACP members as voter observers across the state to safeguard election integrity.

Turnout Impact

Early data shows a **statewide shift toward Democratic candidate Susan Crawford**, even in conservative-leaning counties. As more insights emerge, the NAACP remains committed to analyzing trends and strengthening future voter engagement efforts.

116TH NAACP NATIONAL CONVENTION



The schedule for the [116th NAACP National Convention](#) is now available. Mark your calendars to join us **July 12–16, 2025**, in **Charlotte, North Carolina**. This is a pivotal opportunity to confront the challenges of our time, celebrate Black brilliance, and unite for the critical work ahead.

[Stay tuned for more details](#) on convention registration and programming. Thank you for your continued support as we drive progress and build a brighter future.

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