

# NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP



**NBC News:** [NAACP calls for emergency shutdown of Musk's supercomputer in Memphis](#)

“Being the world’s richest man doesn’t give you the right to pollute Black communities and jeopardize the health of its residents,” NAACP president and CEO Derrick Johnson said in a statement to NBC News. “We urge the health department to step in immediately.”

**AfroTech:** [NAACP Demands Shutdown Of Elon Musk’s xAI Facility Built Near Historic Black Community In Memphis](#)

Located in South Memphis, the facility, according to the outlet, is under fire for allegedly operating dozens of gas turbines without proper permits and releasing hazardous pollutants into surrounding communities.

**The Hill:** [Musk’s xAI facility brings ‘opportunity’ to Memphis, mayor says](#)

Some Memphians have said the tech facility is polluting the air and water in a historically Black, working-class neighborhood and have

joined the NAACP to call for its closure.

**TechCrunch:** [NAACP calls on Memphis officials to halt operations at xAI's 'dirty data center'](#)

The NAACP is calling on local officials to halt operations at Colossus, the “supercomputer” facility operated by Elon Musk’s xAI in South Memphis.

**Black Enterprise:** [NAACP Demands Immediate Shutdown Of Elon Musk's Controversial Supercomputer In Memphis](#)

The NAACP is the latest entity to speak about Elon Musk’s “Colossus,” which is reportedly the world’s largest supercomputer, operating in the center of Memphis. The computer trains the artificial intelligence GROK and operates using dozens of gas turbines.

**Action News 5:** [NAACP calls on health department and MLGW to stop operations at xAI data center](#)

The NAACP addressed Dr. Michelle Taylor, director and health officer of Shelby County Health Department, and the Memphis Light, Gas and Water board of commissioners to shut down Elon Musk’s xAI data center in South Memphis, citing illegal operations and health risks.

**ABC24:** [NAACP claims MLGW holds power to intervene in Elon Musk's 'dirty' xAI project](#)

NAACP officials said on June 5 that MLGW was disowning “its responsibility to intervene in Elon Musk’s dirty xAI data center that’s been polluting the air.”

**STLPR (NPR):** [St. Louis NAACP urges elected officials to ensure Black homeowners get full insurance coverage](#)

The NAACP chapter issued recommendations on May 25, encouraging city officials to act on behalf of uninsured homeowners during this time. The civil rights organization also wants insurance companies to be more transparent with north St. Louis homeowners who hold policies with limited coverage and those who previously held policies that may have been denied for total coverage. Leaders also want state lawmakers to revise insurance laws to help get more homeowners fully covered.

**KTSM:** [NAACP El Paso to host scholarship breakfast fundraiser](#)

The NAACP El Paso Branch will be hosting its Lawrence A. Nixon Scholarship Breakfast this weekend.

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## NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [Hey, Black America: Trump v. Musk, Dirty AI, and the Big Beautiful Bill](#)
  - [NAACP Files Amicus Brief in Arkansas Battling for Voting Rights Across the Region](#)
  - [Joint Statement from the NAACP and Georgia State Conference on the Dismissal of Charges in the Killing of Jimmy Atchison](#)
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## THE DIRTY TRUTH ABOUT AI



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Elon Musk's dirty xAI data center is polluting our air and threatening the health and safety of historically underserved communities like Boxtown in Memphis, Tenn. Built without proper permitting or environmental review, it's spewing cancer-causing toxins into the air and illegally tapping community water supplies.

This issue doesn't stop at state borders. Neighborhoods in Tennessee and

Mississippi are all at risk. Together, we can demand accountability and clean air for our communities.

[Learn more and take action now by contacting your representatives and urging them to enforce environmental justice. Stand with us to protect our community's health and future.](#)

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Millions of Americans are at risk as critical programs like Medicaid and SNAP face major cuts. While the House of Representatives has passed a tax bill benefiting corporations and the wealthiest, these cuts threaten health care, food assistance, and benefits for seniors, veterans, and people

with disabilities.

The Senate has the power to protect these vital lifelines. [Contact your senators today and demand they prioritize people over profits.](#)

Together, we can protect the programs that uphold dignity and care for all Americans.

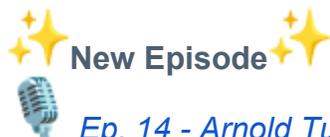
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Step into the world of Black excellence, creativity, and activism with [Our Culture, Our Stories](#) — the official NAACP Image Awards Podcast Series. Bringing the spirit of the Image Awards all year round, this podcast is your go-to space for unfiltered,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



[Ep. 14 - Arnold Turner](#): Celebrity photographer **Arnold Turner** joins us for a conversation on navigating the entertainment world, the art of relationship-building, and capturing some of the most iconic moments in Black culture.

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

**Watch Now**

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## 116TH NAACP NATIONAL CONVENTION



Registration is now open for the [116th NAACP National Convention](#). Secure your spot today and 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.

[Housing reservations are now open](#) through our official partner, Maritz. We encourage you to reserve your accommodations early for the best rates and availability. Hotel reservation deadlines begin June 15, 2025.

We're offering [special travel discounts](#) through Delta, United, and Southwest Airlines. And if you're flying to Charlotte, don't forget to make sure your ID is [REAL ID ready](#). Visit our website to learn more and plan your trip at [naacp.org/convention](https://naacp.org/convention).

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

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## PRIDE MONTH



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Pride is resistance. Pride is protest. Pride is celebration. Pride is refusing to be silent.

This month, we honor the strength, resilience, and ingenuity of the LGBTQIA+ community.

The NAACP stands united in advocating for equity, justice, and the freedom to thrive for all. Together, we can continue to amplify diverse voices and build a future where everyone feels seen, heard, and celebrated.

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