

NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP



Associated Press: [Donald Trump is the first president in 116 years to not be invited to the NAACP convention](#)

The NAACP announced Monday the group will not invite President Donald Trump to its national convention next month in Charlotte, North Carolina, the first time the prominent civil rights organization has opted to exclude a sitting president in its 116-year history. ... “This has nothing to do with political party,” Johnson said in a statement. “Our mission is to advance civil rights, and the current president has made clear that his mission is to eliminate civil rights.”

The New York Times: [NAACP Won't Invite Trump to Its National Convention, Breaking 116-Year Tradition](#)

The NAACP will not invite President Trump to its national convention, breaking from a 116-year tradition of inviting the president to the marquee event of the largest and oldest U.S. civil rights organization.

Derrick Johnson, the organization's president, said in a statement that the decision was motivated by Mr. Trump's policies, which he said had set back civil rights.

The View (ABC): [Trump 1st Pres. Not Invited To NAACP Convention](#)

VIDEO: The View discusses NAACP's decision not to invite Donald Trump to the 116th National Convention.

The Washington Post: [NAACP won't invite Trump to convention, breaking a 116-year tradition](#)

"The president has signed unconstitutional executive orders to oppress voters and undo federal civil rights protections; he has illegally turned the military on our communities, and he continually undermines every pillar of our democracy to make himself more powerful and to personally benefit from the U.S. government," NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson said Monday, [announcing](#) the group's decision. The NAACP convention will be held July 12-16 in Charlotte. This year's theme is "The Fierce Urgency of Now," reflecting the political divisions and threats to civil rights.

WBTV (Charlotte): [Trump not invited to 2025 NAACP Convention in Charlotte, organization president says](#)

U.S. President Donald Trump will not be invited to this year's convention hosted by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, or NAACP, in North Carolina. NAACP leaders were in Charlotte on Monday, June 16 to inform the community about its 116th convention coming to the city in July. Derrick Johnson, president and CEO of the NAACP, said on Monday that Trump will not be invited to the 116th NAACP Convention.

USA Today: [NAACP won't invite Trump to convention, breaking a 116-year tradition](#)

For the first time in 116 years, the sitting president of the United States will not be invited to the NAACP National Convention NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson announced June 16. The National Convention is July 12-16 in Charlotte.

The Hill: [NAACP not inviting Trump to convention, breaking 100+-year tradition](#)

The civil rights organization criticized Trump for a "fascist playbook" that it said pushes "radical" and "un-American" initiatives. It also is not

inviting Vice President JD Vance to its convention.

Democracy Now: [NAACP Breaks with 116-Year Tradition by Not Inviting Trump to Address Convention](#)

The NAACP has announced it will not invite President Trump to its upcoming national convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. This marks the first time the organization has opted to exclude a sitting president in its 116-year history. NAACP President Derrick Johnson said, “Our mission is to advance civil rights, and the current president has made clear that his mission is to eliminate civil rights.”

NBC News: [NAACP announces plans to sue Musk’s xAI over pollution concerns](#)

The NAACP announced Tuesday that it intends to bring a lawsuit under the Clean Air Act against Elon Musk’s startup xAI, which [launched a supercomputer project](#) in Memphis, Tennessee, last year. The company’s use of gas turbines to power the supercomputer, Colossus, runs afoul of environmental regulations and is worsening pollution in the area, the Southern Environmental Law Center, which represents the NAACP, wrote in a letter to xAI.

Associated Press: [NAACP, environmental group notify Elon Musk’s xAI company of intent to sue over facility pollution](#)

The NAACP and an environmental group said Tuesday that they intend to sue Elon Musk’s artificial intelligence company xAI over concerns about [air pollution generated by a supercomputer](#) facility located near predominantly Black communities in Memphis.

Reuters: [NAACP threatens to sue Elon Musk’s xAI over Memphis air pollution](#)

The NAACP on Tuesday sent a notice to billionaire Elon Musk’s xAI, signaling its intention to sue the company over air pollution from the AI startup’s data center in Memphis. The letter, sent by Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC) on NAACP’s behalf, alleges xAI has violated federal law by using methane gas turbines at its South Memphis data center without acquiring permits or “best available” pollution controls.

POLITICO: [NAACP launches lawsuit over pollution from Musk’s xAI](#)

The NAACP intends to sue Elon Musk over the pollution caused by artificial intelligence company xAI’s turbines in South Memphis. The

group filed an intent to sue letter Tuesday against Musk's artificial intelligence company, xAI, citing the public health risks posed by 35 unpermitted turbines and their pollution to nearby Black and minority communities.

ADWEEK: [What CMOs Really Want From Cannes This Year](#)

Aba Blankson, CMO, NAACP

Cannes won't just be a celebration of creativity; it'll be a confrontation with the future. AI may dominate the headlines, but the deeper conversation is about control: who gets to shape the narrative, who gets erased, and who gets paid. Female athletes, streamers, and multicultural communities aren't adjacent to influence; they are the influence.

NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [Elon Musk's xAI threatened with lawsuit over air pollution from Memphis data center, filed on behalf of NAACP](#)
 - [NAACP Previews 116th National Convention, Aiming to Empower Community Amidst Adversity](#)
 - [NAACP and Other Civil Rights Groups Demand Department of Energy Withdraw Rule Rolling Back Civil Rights Protections](#)
 - [NAACP Announces President Trump will not be invited to 116th National Convention](#)
 - [Hey, Black America: President Trump becomes first president not invited to the NAACP National Convention](#)
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PROTESTING 101



The right to peacefully protest is foundational to democracy and taking a stand for justice is an act of true patriotism.

From civil rights marches to calls for gun reform, protests have helped shape our society throughout history and sparked much needed change. If you're planning to join a demonstration, explore these helpful tips to stay safe, before, during, and after.

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JOURNALIST & AUTHOR

TRYMAINE LEE

EP. 16

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The podcast cover features a vibrant background with a gradient from yellow to purple to blue. At the top left is the NAACP logo with the text 'OUR CULTURE, OUR STORIES' and 'AN NAACP IMAGE AWARDS PODCAST SERIES'. To the right is the NAACP logo. The main title 'NEW EPISODE' is in large white letters. Below it, a portrait of Trymaine Lee is shown. Text on the left side of the portrait reads 'WITH JOURNALIST & AUTHOR TRYMAINE LEE EP. 16'. At the bottom, it says 'EXCLUSIVELY ON...' followed by Spotify and Apple Podcasts logos, and the URL 'YOUTUBE.COM/NAACPPLUS'.

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[Ep. 16 - Trymaine Lee](#): Pulitzer Prize–winning journalist Trymaine Lee breaks down the hidden history behind modern gun violence in Black communities and how systemic oppression and generational trauma have shaped this crisis.

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THE DIRTY TRUTH ABOUT AI



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Elon Musk's 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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116TH NAACP NATIONAL CONVENTION

A promotional poster for the 116th NAACP National Convention. The background is a light beige color with abstract brushstrokes in black, yellow, green, and red. At the top, the text 'NAACP THE FIERCE URGENCY OF NOW' is written in a bold, hand-drawn style, with 'NOW' in large red letters. Below this, '116TH NAACP NATIONAL CONVENTION' is written in a smaller, black font. The main headline 'READY TO WORK?' is in large, red, hand-drawn letters. Below it, 'Registration is Now Open' is written in a bold, black font. A paragraph of text follows: 'The time to fight for people, progress, and power is now. Changemakers, creatives, and cultural leaders are coming together to meet the urgency of advancing the Black agenda.' At the bottom, there are two white boxes with yellow borders. The left box contains 'JULY 12-16' and 'Charlotte, NC'. The right box contains 'REGISTER NOW' and 'at naacp.org/convention'.

The [116th NAACP National Convention](#) is right around the corner. Don't

forget to 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.



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