

NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP



The Associated Press: [Trump's racist post about Obamas is deleted after backlash despite White House earlier defending it](#)

NAACP President Derrick Johnson pointed to Trump's wider political concerns, asserting that Trump is trying anything to distract from economic conditions and attention on the Jeffrey Epstein case files. "Donald Trump's video is blatantly racist, disgusting, and utterly despicable," Johnson said in a statement. "You know who isn't in the Epstein files? Barack Obama," he continued. "You know who actually improved the economy as president? Barack Obama."

BBC: [Trump removes video with racist clip depicting Obamas as apes](#)

Before it was removed, Derrick Johnson, the president of the NAACP, called the video "disgusting and utterly despicable" and accused Trump of attempting to distract the public from the Epstein case and a "rapidly failing economy."

The Washington Post: [Trump shares, then deletes video depicting Obamas as apes](#)

The NAACP wrote in a social media [post](#) that Trump sharing the clip of the Obamas, especially in the middle of Black History Month, “is a stark reminder of how Trump and his followers truly view people. And we’ll remember that in November.”

TheGrio: [Trump raises concern for Black voters after threat to ‘nationalize’ elections, seizing ballots in Atlanta](#)

“This serves as yet another reminder that the Trump Administration is only looking to exhaust our nation with these deplorable and unconstitutional antics in hopes that we will grow tired and concede,” NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson said in a statement to theGrio. “Unfortunate for them, we are wide awake, and we will never surrender something our people fought, bled, and died for. We’ve taken Trump to court before – and we’ve won, even in the Supreme Court. If necessary, we’ll take him to court again, and we’ll win again.”

NBC News: [‘Blatant assault on the Constitution’: NAACP condemns Trump’s call to nationalize elections](#)

The NAACP condemned Trump’s comments yesterday about nationalizing U.S. elections, calling his remarks “dangerous rhetoric” and “a blatant assault on the Constitution.”

Deadline: [NAACP Sets ‘Image Unscripted’ Podcast With Jemele Hill To Host; Ego Nwodim & KevOnStage Among Guests](#)

NAACP will launch the new original podcast Image Unscripted on February 10. The audio and visual series will be hosted by award-winning journalist Jemele Hill, who will amplify the journey of Black creatives and dive into why representation truly matters in boardrooms, on screens, and across digital spaces.

Essence: [A\\$AP Rocky To Receive Fashion Vanguard Honor Ahead Of 57th NAACP Image Awards](#)

The Harlem native will be honored at the 57th NAACP Image Awards Fashion Show for his influence across style, music, and culture.

USA Today: [‘Surround the polls’: ICE will patrol elections, ex-Trump aide says](#)

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Capital B News: [Don Lemon and Black Critics of the Trump Administration Released](#)

“We’re watching in real time as the Department of Justice, once responsible for upholding the law, is being twisted into the Department of Vengeance, attacking anyone who

displeases the president,” NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson [said in a statement](#).

Fox 2: [NAACP, Detroit area activist groups demand a stop to ICE funding](#)

“This is not just a Minneapolis problem,” said Rev. Dr. Wendell Anthony, NAACP. “This is an American problem not a Minneapolis tragedy. This is an American tragedy. This is not law and order. This is chaos and disorder.”

Click On Detroit: [NAACP Detroit calls on Congress to halt ICE funding](#)

A panel of leaders from diverse backgrounds gathered in Detroit to speak out against recent Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids happening across the country.

WHSV 3: [Harrisonburg-Rockingham NAACP chapter reflects on 100 years of Black History Month](#)

“Even if in public schools and other parts of our nation, maybe in national parks, we can’t see our history on display, it’s important that we take responsibility for ourselves to do what our ancestors did, which is teach the history that other folks won’t teach,” Evans said.

ABC 13: [NAACP backs public-sector collective bargaining as Hampton Roads mayors push back](#)

The NAACP Virginia State Conference is voicing strong support for proposed legislation that would allow public-sector workers across Virginia to engage in collective bargaining, calling it a critical step toward workplace justice and equity.

NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [NAACP Speaks Out Against Racist Video Posted by Trump Against the Obama Family](#)
 - [NAACP Celebrates Legal Victory in Challenge to Education Department’s Anti-Opportunity “Dear Colleague Letter”](#)
 - [NAACP Condemns Trump’s Call to ‘Nationalize’ Elections](#)
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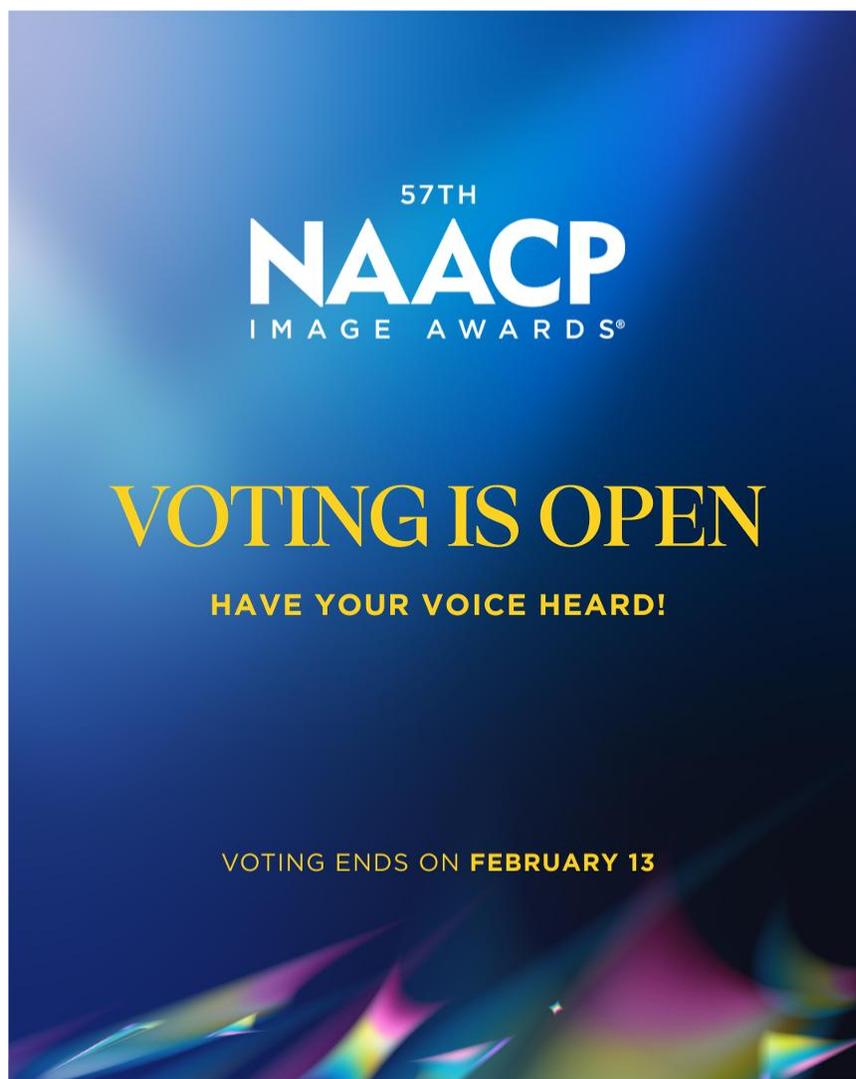
The actions of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) have created fear and confusion in communities across the country. We have seen this harm play out in cities like Minneapolis, Los Angeles, and Washington, D.C. Real people are being hurt, families are torn apart, and communities are living in fear.

Across the country, people are speaking out and organizing for accountability.

Now, we want to hear from you. What has ICE's presence meant for you or your community? Your story matters, and sharing it helps build the movement to end this abuse of power.

[Share Your Story](#)

57TH NAACP IMAGE AWARDS



Voting is still open for the [57th NAACP Image Awards](#), celebrating the artists, storytellers, and visionaries shaping culture across film, television, music, and literature.

The awards show will air **live on BET** on **Saturday, February 28, 2026**, hosted by **Deon Cole**.

How to Vote

Fans may cast one vote per day on the [NAACP Image Awards website](#) and one vote per day per social media platform (X, Threads, Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok) **by February 13**.

Participating is easy:

- [Cast your vote on the Image Awards website](#)

- Or vote on social media by creating a post with the following: [@NAACPImageAwards](#) I would like to vote for #NomineeName1, #NomineeName2, etc.

Introducing Image Unscripted Podcast

Don't miss the new Image Unscripted Podcast. Hosted by **Jemele Hill**, the podcast features candid conversations with stars who are shaping the culture.

New episodes will drop every Tuesday, starting **February 10**, on YouTube and everywhere you listen to podcasts.

Vote

NAACP EVENTS



The NAACP stays active, creating spaces to organize, learn, celebrate, and take action. From national observances to community-driven programs, there are many ways to stay engaged

and connected.

Explore our Events page for timely events and special observances, including:

- **February 12: NAACP Founders' Day**
For 117 years, the NAACP has led the fight against racism and discrimination. Founders' Day honors our legacy while calling on a new generation to take action for racial equity.
- **February 21-28: Black Climate Week**
Black communities have always led solutions to the climate crisis. Black Climate Week amplifies justice-led climate action and highlights how Black communities are organizing locally and nationally for environmental justice.
- **February 25: Main Street Rising Tour**
In partnership with Hello Alice, the Main Street Rising Tour equips small businesses with AI-enabled tools to grow, scale, and strengthen their communities. When Main Street rises, we all rise.
- **February 28: NAACP Image Awards**
The 57th NAACP Image Awards celebrate excellence across film, television, music, and literature. **Tune in live on BET and cast your vote to honor the artists shaping culture today.**

Explore

NAACP HEALTH LEADS FORUM



I'm Still Here, Love

A film by Megan Q. Daniels

Join us for a special **NAACP Monthly Health Leads Forum** on **February 11, 2026, at 7 p.m. ET**, featuring the powerful documentary *I'M STILL HERE LOVE*. The film examines the real-world consequences of health misinformation through the stories of families impacted by COVID-19, with a focus on communities of color.

The forum will include a special presentation and panel discussion with filmmaker **Megan Q. Daniels** and guest speaker **Sam Prewitt**, an author and heart attack survivor, in recognition of **American Heart Month**. Additional panelists include:

- **Lydia Dorsey**, Grief Coach, Community Advocate, and Covid-19 Bereaved Parent
- **Brian Rothschild**, Corporate Bankruptcy & Reorganization Attorney; Head of Aviation Industry Practice at Parsons Behle & Latimer; Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Utah

- **Jessica Watt Dougherty**, Elementary School Counselor (M.Ed., Counseling)
Specializing in Trauma, Grief, and Loss

Together, they'll explore health equity, community trust, and the life-and-death impact of misinformation

Advance registration is required.

[Register Here](#)

PS: Participants are encouraged to watch the film prior to the forum. [Please click here to watch the film.](#)

117TH NAACP NATIONAL CONVENTION



The [117th NAACP National Convention](#) is heading to Chicago! From July 18–22, 2026, join us and thousands of leaders in a city defined by resilience and creativity to help build pathways to justice.

This is your opportunity to engage with top voices, influence crucial policy, and celebrate Black excellence. A [schedule-at-a-glance is now available on our website](#), offering an early look at general programming and key moments throughout Convention week.

Keep an eye out for important updates on registration, speakers, accommodations, and more.

Stay Tuned

30TH ANNUAL WEBBY AWARDS



For 30 years, the [Webby Awards](#) have celebrated the best of the internet, honoring groundbreaking talent and organizations. By entering, you have the chance to join the ranks of past winners, including **Keke Palmer, Questlove, Kamie Crawford, GLAAD, Fenty Beauty, and NASA.**

What's new this year:

- A new suite of recognitions honoring **Artificial Intelligence**
- A new **Creator Business** category suite
- New honors in **Video & Film**, including *Best Use of Immersive*, *Best Documentary Storytelling*, and *Documentary: Midform*

🕒 Last chance: Submit your work by **11:59 PM PST tonight** to be eligible for the **30th Annual Webby Awards**.

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