

NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP



Mother Jones: [How the NAACP Signed Up to Abolish ICE](#)

At the end of January, the NAACP [launched a campaign](#) calling on senators to block federal funding for ICE, impeach and prosecute Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem, and, ultimately, [abolish the agency](#) completely.

Mashable: [The NAACP is fighting back against AI data centers](#)

The NAACP is making sure Black and minority neighborhoods are not victimized by data centers. xAI's notorious data centers near Memphis, Tenn., are appropriately named Colossus 1 and Colossus 2. The supercomputers that power the Grok chatbot are indeed enormous — they're also environmental menaces, according to the NAACP.

Commercial Appeal: [NAACP set to sue xAI for alleged Clean Air Act violations in Southaven](#)

On Feb. 13, the Southern Environmental Law Center and Earthjustice sent a notice of intent to sue to xAI and its affiliate, MZX Tech LLC, regarding alleged Clean Air Act violations via

unpermitted turbines powering its Colossus 2 data center in Memphis. The notice was filed on behalf of the NAACP and the Mississippi State Conference of the NAACP.

Mississippi Today: [NAACP threatens to sue Elon Musk's xAI over pollution in Mississippi](#)

The Southern Environmental Law Center and Earthjustice are threatening to sue Elon Musk's xAI on behalf of the NAACP, claiming the company's power generation in Southaven violates the federal Clean Air Act.

Capital B News: [The U.S. Government Now Says Climate Change Doesn't Harm Human Health](#)

"Like most actions within this administration, this decision lacks any regard for everyday people and seems to be a play to deepen its loyalty to fossil fuel companies and billionaires who have proven that they are willing to take actions that endanger human life," NAACP Director of Environmental and Climate Justice Abre' Conner said Thursday.

TheGrio: [President Obama reacts to Trump rolling back environmental rule he established in 2009: 'We'll be less safe'](#)

The NAACP condemned the EPA repeal, warning that it will leave Black and other frontline communities in a "uniquely tenuous situation."

Salon: [NAACP's Derrick Johnson on how Trump is hollowing out democracy](#)

As president and CEO of the NAACP, America's oldest and largest civil rights organization, Derrick Johnson is well acquainted with the struggles and dangers of this moment. I recently spoke with him about how today's struggle for American democracy will be a marathon, not a sprint, and why he believes that Trumpism will ultimately be defeated and a better America born from that struggle.

CODE M Magazine: [February 2026 Issue](#)

NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson discusses what Black people need to do to thrive and succeed in 2026.

NBC News: [Harmful chemicals lurk in extensions and braiding hair marketed to Black women, study finds](#)

Harsh chemicals found in synthetic braiding hair and other hair extensions can be absorbed through the scalp, causing irritation, burning and redness, according to Dr. Chris Pernel, director of the NAACP Center for Health Equity. They can also be inhaled — particularly when heated during styling — and absorbed through a person's hands.

The Grio: [Trump-backed 'SAVE Act' will make it harder for Black voters, critics say](#)

NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson said the SAVE Act is "nothing more than voter suppression disguised as voter protection," adding, "it's part of a larger effort to dismantle our right to vote." The civil rights leader urged the U.S. Senate to block the "dangerous" bill.

ABC News: [‘Indefensible’: Black Trump allies grapple with fallout from racist video of Obamas](#)

NAACP National President Derrick Johnson said in a statement Friday that the video was “blatantly racist, disgusting, and utterly despicable.”

Podcast: The Story of the U.S.A.: [The Story of the U.S.A.](#)

This week, on America: In the Making... the NAACP take on Elon Musk (38:06).

Reuters: [Trump condemns, won’t apologize for video depicting Obamas as apes](#)

“Donald Trump’s video is blatantly racist, disgusting, and utterly despicable,” said Derrick Johnson, national president of the NAACP, a civil rights group, in an emailed statement. “Voters are watching and will remember this at the ballot box.”

AXIOS: [Trump says “I didn’t make a mistake” after racist video of Obamas removed](#)

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The Guardian: [Trump says he approved sharing video with racist images of Obamas but claims he didn’t see part ‘that people don’t like’](#)

In a statement to Reuters, Derrick Johnson, national president of civil rights group the NAACP said: “Donald Trump’s video is blatantly racist, disgusting, and utterly despicable. Voters are watching and will remember this at the ballot box.”

Democracy Now!: [As Black History Month Turns 100, Trump Refuses to Apologize for Video Depicting Obamas as Apes](#)

“This is a disgusting and despicable display of racism from President Trump,” says Wisdom Cole, senior national director of advocacy for the NAACP. “Instead of unifying the nation and celebrating the achievements of Black America ... he chooses to continue to perpetuate bigotry.”

NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [NAACP, SELC, Earthjustice threaten Lawsuit over xAI’s Unpermitted Gas Turbines in Mississippi](#)
 - [NAACP’s Historic Magazine, “The Crisis,” Digital Archives Now Available Online via ProQuest](#)
 - [Grammys 2026: How Advocacy Won the Night](#)
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DRY ICE



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 for the [57th NAACP Image Awards](#), celebrating the artists, storytellers, and visionaries shaping culture across film, television, music, and literature, closes **TONIGHT, February 13.**

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).

Participating is easy:

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

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



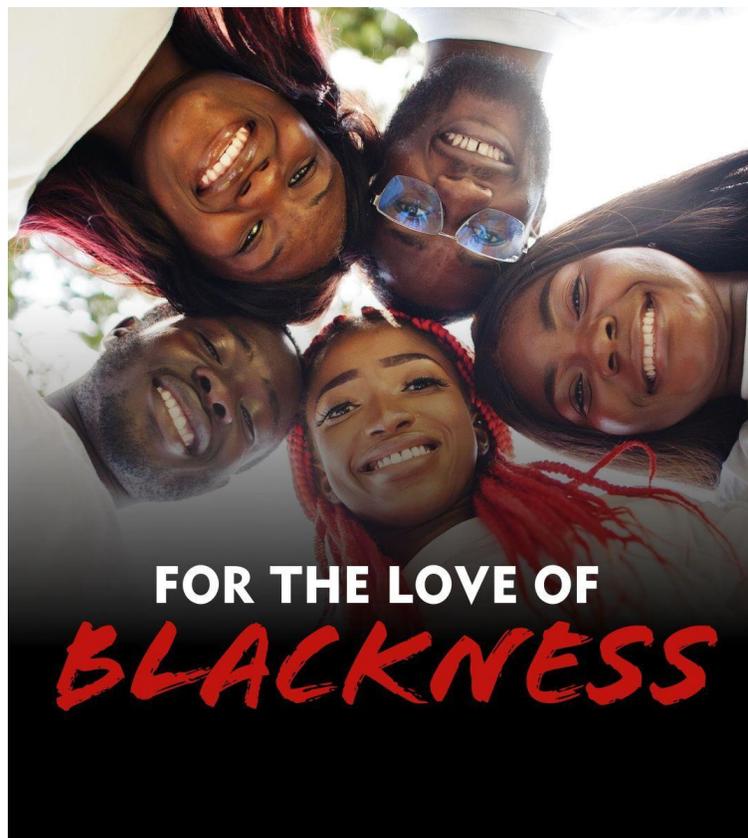
[Introducing Image Unscripted Podcast](#)

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

[Tune in to new episodes every Tuesday.](#)

[Vote](#)

FOR THE LOVE OF BLACKNESS



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[For the Love of Blackness](#) is a rallying cry for advocacy as an act of love, protection, and resistance. In a time when Black communities face escalating threats, from Medicaid cuts and ICE raids to rising tuition costs and environmental exploitation, this campaign aims to channel

the power of collective action into meaningful change.

By focusing on health, education, and environmental justice, we're building a movement where love leads to action, action leads to commitment, and commitment leads to the ballot box, because voting is one of the powerful tools we possess to protect Black futures and demand the justice our communities deserve. Join us as an **"Issue Area Champion"** and help turn advocacy into electoral power.

[Become An Issue Area Champion](#)

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 19: [Strategy, Storytelling, and Sustained Pressure](#)

This State Legislative Advocacy Month training helps advocates build a clear strategy, tell stronger stories, and take sustained action to push for meaningful change at the state level.

- 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](#).

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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.

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