

NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP

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CNN: [Chicago Honors Rev. Jesse Jackson with Celebration of Life](#)

On March 6, 2026, NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson joined CNN to honor Rev. Jesse Jackson on the morning of his celebration of life. “He understood that progress was never in a straight line. It moves back and forward, but we always have to press forward to ensure the commitments of this nation will be met, that all individuals will be treated with human dignity, and equal protection will be afforded to every citizen.”

BET: [Derrick Johnson Introduces a Tribute to Rev. Jesse Jackson](#)

NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson introduces a special tribute to the late Rev. Jesse Jackson.

The Guardian: [‘What happened in Texas is a warning’: advocates say Republicans suppressed votes in the primaries](#)

“This is not just a Texas problem. It is a blueprint for voter suppression being tested in real time” — NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson.

Los Angeles Times: [NAACP Image Awards becomes a forum for Black love and anti-racism, with ‘Sinners’ dominating](#)

But the ceremony was not only about honoring Black excellence in entertainment. The event was also flavored by several remarks from celebrities addressing the divisive political climate and recent events that have targeted and affected Black entertainers.

CBS News: [Samuel L. Jackson honors late Rev. Jesse Jackson at NAACP Image Awards](#)

The actor said Jackson Sr. inspired him as a young man.

Associated Press: [Viola Davis receives prestigious Chairman’s prize at NAACP Image Awards](#)

Viola Davis delivered a powerful speech about self-worth, resilience and collective progress on the 57th NAACP Image Awards stage Saturday night, telling the audience that personal and national growth require confronting truth and hardship.

Associated Press: [See photos from the NAACP Image Awards, a celebration of Black excellence in arts and culture](#)

Stars are gathering for the final night of the NAACP Image Awards, where “Sinners” is the leading film nominee.

WLOX: [Mississippi State Conference NAACP holds voting rights town hall ahead of March primary elections](#)

The Mississippi State Conference NAACP and other community leaders held a voting rights town hall meeting at the Isaiah Fredericks Community Center in Gulfport. Community leaders focused on topics such as protecting democracy, expanding voter access and addressing concerns impacting Mississippi voters.

NJ Spotlight News: [Trump sues NJ, other states for failing to hand over voter rolls](#)

Groups including the ACLU, the NAACP and the Brennan Center for Justice have condemned Trump’s attempts to seize voter data, calling it a move to maintain Republican control of government.

News Channel 5 Nashville: [Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. procession today in Nashville](#)

The NAACP Nashville Branch said it joins communities nationwide in mourning the civil rights leader, calling him a “powerful moral voice” whose work advanced voting rights, economic opportunity and educational access.

Inside Climate News: [Big Tech Signs Trump Pledge to Pay Data-Center Power Costs. Fulfilling It Is the Hard Part](#)

“The Trump administration refused to create a community-based solution for community problems, and instead is relying on executive orders and other tactics to strong arm AI data centers into communities,” said Abre’ Conner, director of the NAACP’s Center for Environmental and Climate Justice.

Gadget Review: [Elon Musk’s AI Plant Turns Mississippi Town Into 24/7 Noise Factory](#)

The NAACP and Earthjustice issued a 60-day notice threatening Clean Air Act lawsuits for unpermitted operations. “Our communities are not playgrounds for corporations who are chasing profit over people,” said NAACP’s Abre’ Conner, highlighting environmental justice concerns in working-class neighborhoods.

Clean Technica: [The Important Role That Black Communities Play In Addressing Climate Change](#)

“Climate justice is civil rights work, and Black communities have long been at the forefront of fighting environmental harm while advancing solutions that protect our health and our futures,” says Abre’ Conner, director of Environmental and Climate Justice at NAACP.

WBMA: [Alabama NAACP Releases 2026 Selma Jubilee Weekend Schedule](#)

The Alabama State Conference of the NAACP has announced its official schedule for the 2026 NAACP-sponsored Selma Jubilee Bridge Crossing Weekend, set for March 6–8 in Montgomery and Selma.

NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [NAACP takes Legal Action Against Department of Justice to Protect Voter Information in Utah](#)
 - [NAACP Releases Statement Following Primary Election Chaos in Dallas and Williamson Counties, Texas](#)
 - [NAACP Files Amicus Brief to Support Access to Affordable Contraception](#)
 - [NAACP Files Motion Challenging Attempts to Change How Census Counts People Living in U.S.](#)
 - [Anderson .Paak Brings Humor, Heart, and K-Pop to the Big Screen](#)
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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.

Hear from the most dynamic voices in entertainment as they join us for real, unfiltered conversations that celebrate authenticity, artistry, and legacy.

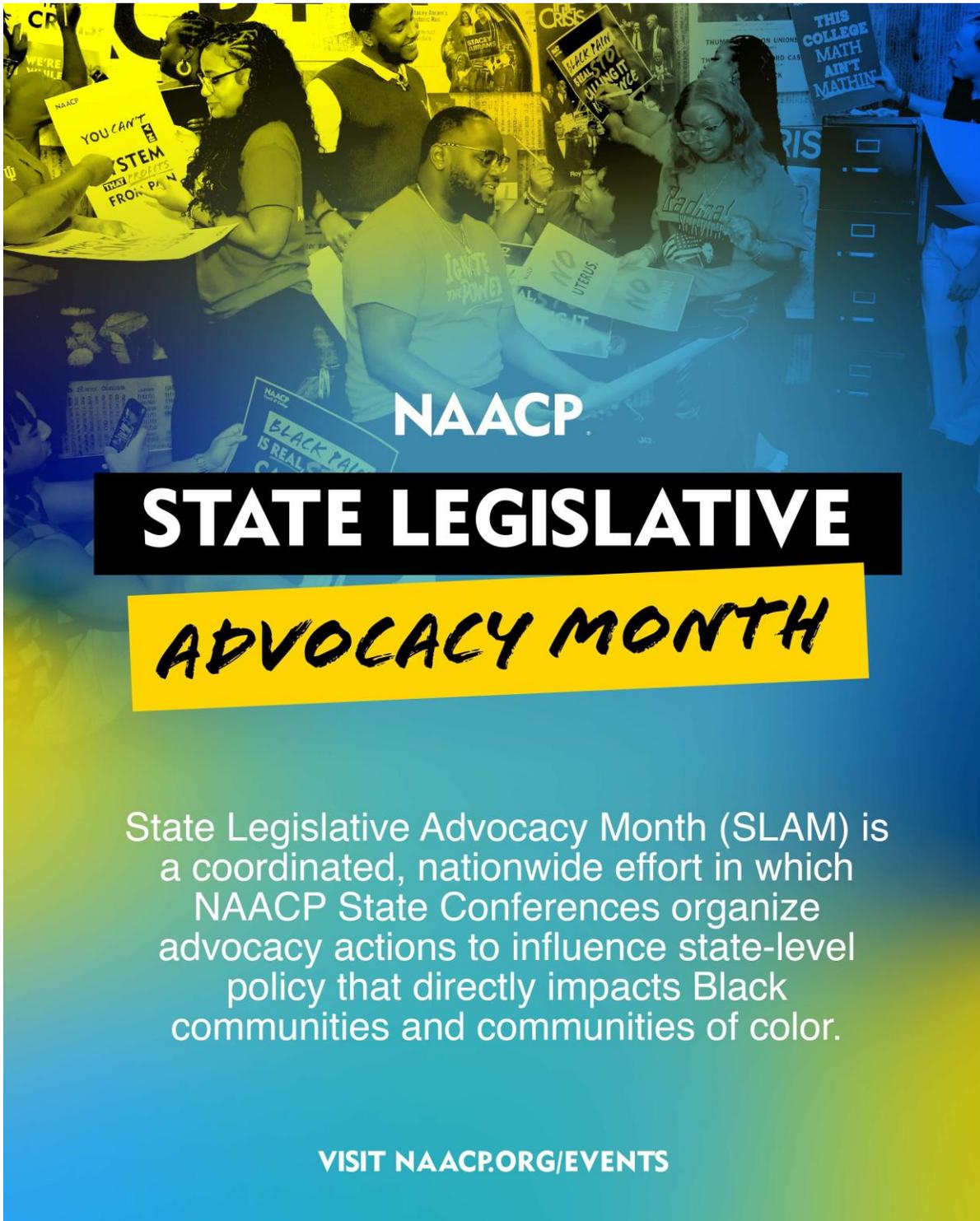
Comedy with Ego Nwodim, Girl Talk on Girl Talk

In this week's episode, Jemele sits down and chats with Ego Nwodim about her early days of sketch and improv and the lesson she learned about her own work ethic. From those early lessons, to being cast as Saturday Night Live's 7th Black female cast-member Ego chats about the world of sketch comedy and career milestones.

P.S. If you missed the live broadcast for the 57th NAACP Image Awards last Saturday we've got you covered. Explore all the highlights in our live blog.

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STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY MONTH



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State Legislative Advocacy Month (SLAM) is a coordinated, nationwide effort in which NAACP State Conferences organize advocacy actions to influence state-level policy that directly impacts Black communities and communities of color.

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State governments hold the power to shape the future of Black communities. From education and healthcare to voting rights and economic opportunity, the policies they enact impact our lives every day.

In a nationwide effort to organize, mobilize, and advocate for equitable public policy, NAACP is

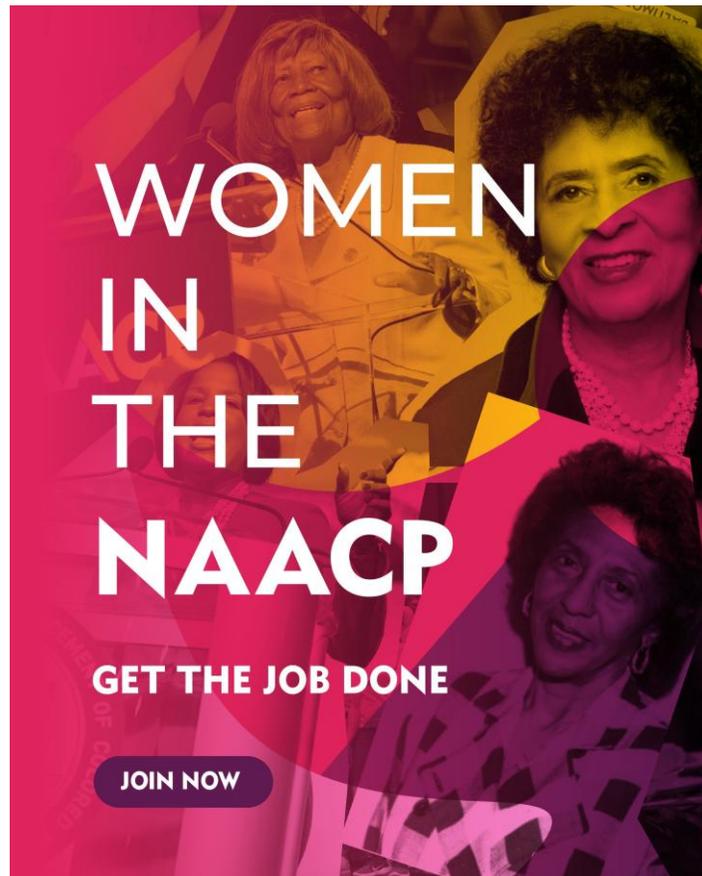
hosting State Legislative Advocacy Month.

Whether you're attending an Advocacy Day at your state capital or taking action with your local unit, your voice matters.

To help you get started, explore the [NAACP Legislative Advocacy Toolkit](#), a resource designed to help advocates understand the legislative process and engage effectively with policymakers. [Click here to access the toolkit.](#)

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WIN



This Women's History Month, take your advocacy to the next level by joining [Women in the NAACP \(WIN\)](#).

Since its founding in 1980 by Mrs. Frances Louise Dancy Hooks and Ms. Earlene Bollin, WIN has been a powerful force for change. WIN's mission is to amplify the leadership of women

within the NAACP and beyond, while advocating for social, economic, political, educational, and health issues that impact women and children.

By joining WIN, you'll be part of a dynamic community of advocates and leaders working to create meaningful change. Together, we can build a brighter future for women, children, and communities everywhere.

Join

JANETTE MCCARTHY WALLACE



Congratulations to NAACP General Counsel Janette McCarthy Wallace on being recognized as a “Woman of Influence” by [Cerese D Magazine](#). As a trailblazer in civil rights litigation and a

dedicated advocate for justice, Janette oversees critical legal matters for NAACP, from providing counsel on civil rights initiatives to managing internal legal affairs. Her unwavering commitment to advancing equality and protecting the organization's legal rights makes this recognition well-deserved.

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:

- **March 1-31: [State Legislative Advocacy Month](#)**
Throughout March, the NAACP is organizing advocates across the country to engage with state legislators and push for policies that advance equity, protect voting rights, and

strengthen our communities. Through trainings, advocacy days, and local organizing, participants will mobilize their voices and take action to drive meaningful change at the state level.

- **March 9: Youth & College 90th Anniversary**

Join the [NAACP Youth & College Division](#) on March 9, at 7 p.m. ET, as we celebrate 90 years of organizing, advocacy, and leadership with a special conversation featuring Rev. Dr. Jamal Bryant, a former Youth & College Director, reflecting on the legacy and future of youth leadership in the movement. [Register now](#).

Explore

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.

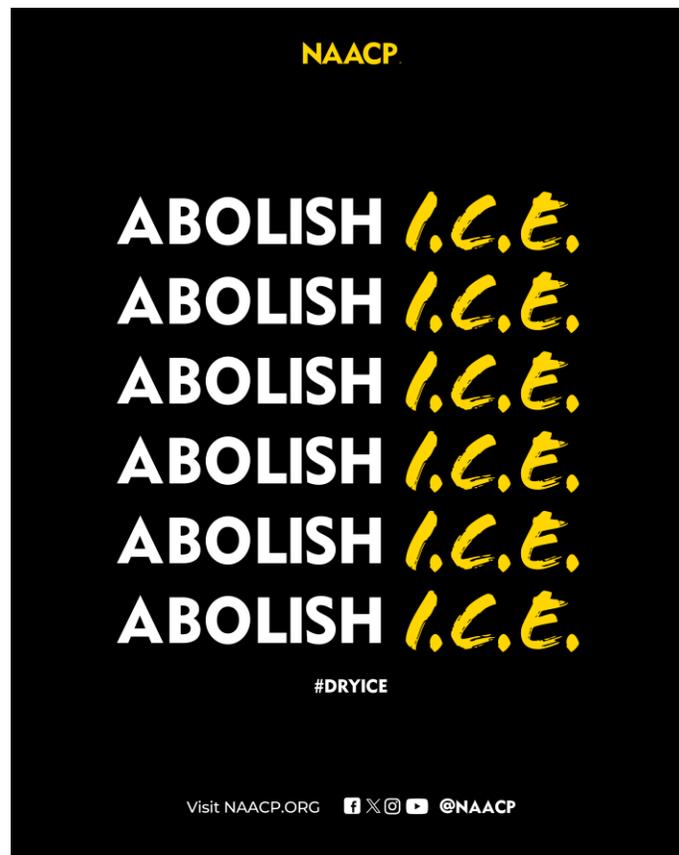
This is your opportunity to engage with top voices, influence crucial policy, and celebrate Black excellence. A [schedule-at-a-glance is now available on our website](#), offering an early look at general programming and key moments throughout Convention week.

Convention housing opens this month. We invite you to browse hotel options, and as always, encourage you to book early for the best selection and price.

Registration will open in April. Keep an eye out for important updates on speakers and more in the months ahead.

Stay Tuned

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.

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