

NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP



Reuters: [NAACP says Tennessee redistricting intentionally discriminates on basis of race](#)

The United States' largest civil rights group said it filed a federal lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee. The lawsuit alleges Tennessee lawmakers "intentionally redrew Congressional District 9 - a district anchored in Memphis for more than 50 years - to crack the majority-Black district across multiple districts, with the intent of eliminating Black voting power and depriving them of a meaningful opportunity to elect candidates of their choice," the NAACP said.

The Hill: [NAACP alleges new Tennessee congressional map intentionally discriminates on basis of race](#)

"Tennessee lawmakers made a deliberate choice to silence Black voters by dismantling a district that has long ensured representation for one of the state's largest Black populations. We are at the dawn of a new Jim Crow era," NAACP President [Derrick Johnson](#) said in a statement.

Democracy Docket: [Voting rights groups accuse Tennessee GOP of racially targeting](#)

[Black voters in latest gerrymander lawsuit](#)

The NAACP and a coalition of pro-voting groups [filed](#) a federal lawsuit Wednesday challenging Tennessee's new Republican congressional gerrymander that dismantled the state's only majority-Black district just days after the U.S. Supreme Court gutted the Voting Rights act.

[MS NOW: 'The ballots are discarded': Republican rush to remove Black representation sparks outraged pushback](#)

The rush by Deep South Republicans to dissolve majority Black congressional districts in the wake of Donald Trump's Supreme Court gutting the Voting Rights Act has sparked a wave of outraged pushback and legal action. Kristen Clarke, general counsel for the NAACP, talks with Rachel Maddow about the fight to prevent a backslide of the achievements of the civil rights era in the face of Republican eagerness to turn back the clock.

[MS NOW: 'We will win': Tennessee State Rep. Pearson on map fight](#)

BREAKING: Virginia's voter-approved map was just thrown out as the GOP's redistricting blitz barrels ahead. Black voting power is being ripped apart, triggering legal battles across the country. Tenn. State Rep. Justin Pearson and NAACP general counsel Kristen Clarke join The Weeknight.

[CNN: NAACP General Counsel on Supreme Court Decision to Halt Voter-Approved Redistricting Plan](#)

On May 8, NAACP General Counsel Kristen Clarke joined CNN's Laura Coates to discuss the Virginia Supreme Court's decision to overturn the will of Virginia residents who voted yes on a temporary redistricting referendum.

[Virginia Mercury: NAACP asks US Supreme Court to overturn Virginia redistricting decision](#)

The NAACP and the Advance Project on Wednesday asked the U.S. Supreme Court to reverse Virginia's high court ruling striking down the state's redistricting referendum, arguing the decision nullified the votes of millions of Virginians who approved the measure last month.

[Democracy Now!: A Return to Jim Crow? Ex-DOJ Civil Rights Chief Kristen Clarke Slams Gutting of Voting Rights Act](#)

We speak with Kristen Clarke, general counsel of the NAACP, about growing threats to democracy in the United States following the Supreme Court's gutting of the landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965. Republican lawmakers across the South are responding to the ruling by racing to redraw their congressional maps, which is expected to lead to a historic drop in the number of Black representatives in Congress.

[CNN: NAACP's Dr. Chris Pernel Talks Hantavirus](#)

On May 11, 2026, Dr. Chris T. Pernell, NAACP's Director of the Center for Health Equity, joined CNN to discuss Hantavirus, what it is, how it spreads, and more.

WIRED: xAI Adds 19 New Gas Turbines Despite Ongoing Lawsuit

"Any company that disregards the obvious environmental and health concerns of Black communities to supposedly power a future that will help us all is sending a clear message about who it intends to serve in that future," Abre' Conner, NAACP Director of Environmental and Climate Justice, tells WIRED in a statement. "As we have done since xAI forced its way into Memphis, we will continue to stand with the communities most impacted by these decisions," she adds.

NBC News: Democrats warn a third of the Congressional Black Caucus could be wiped out by redistricting wars

"It is a new form of Jim Crow that this Supreme Court has given license to policymakers to say it's OK for a white member of Congress to have a 65% white voting population in their district, but it's not OK for an African American elected official to have a 55% or 60% district," Derrick Johnson, president of the NAACP, said in a phone interview Tuesday.

CBS News: NAACP president calls Supreme Court redistricting decision "one of the worst" in history

Republican Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey is pushing back primaries for four Congressional districts following Monday's Supreme Court decision allowing the state to use a 2023 map with only one majority-Black district. Other states are also looking to redraw their maps after the decision. NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson joins "The Daily Report" to discuss.

WNTZ: NAACP condemns Louisiana legislators' redistricting plan: 'This is not politics as usual'

The NAACP condemns legislative actions in Louisiana as other states in the American South charge ahead with redistricting plans after a U.S. Supreme Court ruling. According to a release from the voting rights group, the NAACP intends to "pursue all legal and legislative avenues" if Louisiana's proposed map gains full state legislature passage.

Fox10: NAACP expresses concerns about Alabama redistricting case

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NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [NAACP, Civil Rights Groups Urge Court to Stop Trump Order Blocking Mail-in Ballots](#)
- [NAACP Files Brief in Support of Virginians after State Supreme Court Nullifies Redistricting Referendum](#)

- [NAACP Files Federal Lawsuit Challenging Tennessee’s Racially Discriminatory Congressional Map](#)
 - [NAACP Applauds the One-Year Data Center Moratorium Passed by the Baltimore City Council](#)
 - [NAACP Denounces Louisiana Committee Move to Erase Majority-Black District](#)
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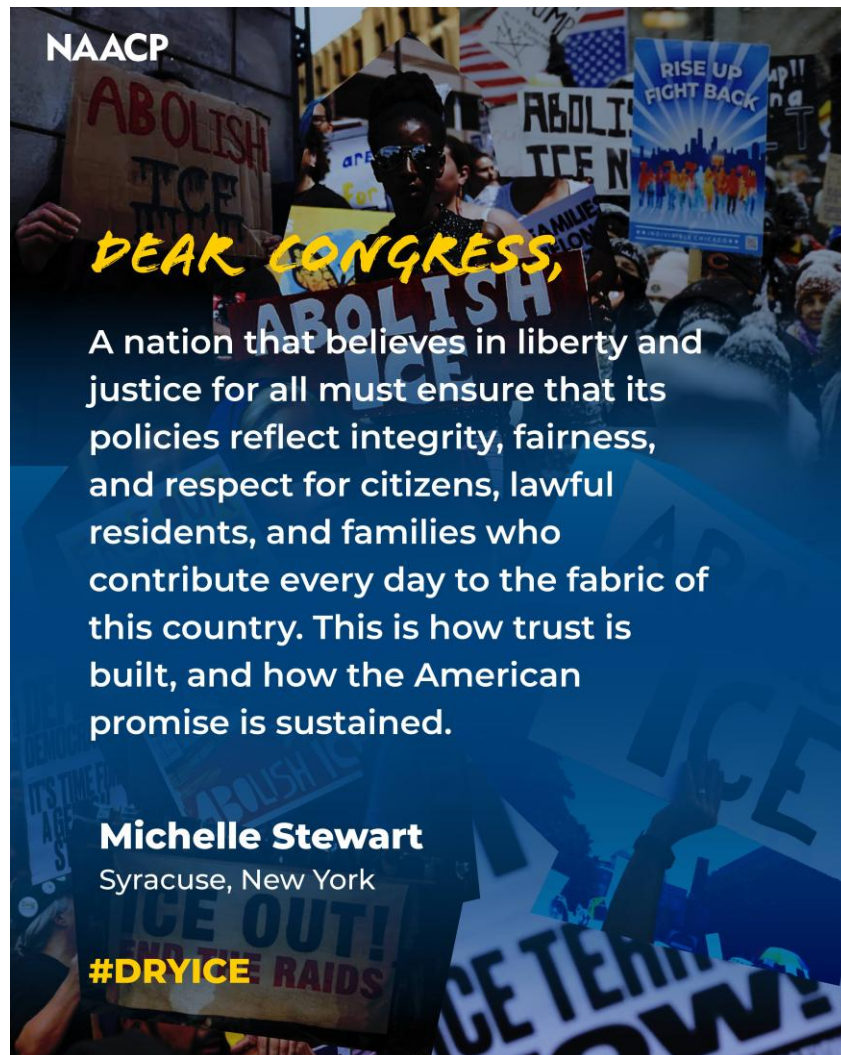
[CommunityWorks](#), a new resource from the NAACP, uplifts the important stories found in maps and helps communities better understand the issues impacting them locally. Through research, data, and analysis, the platform turns lived experiences into actionable insights and storytelling that can inform advocacy, organizing, and decision-making.

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Michelle Stewart

Syracuse, New York

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Congress voted to end the record 76-day government shutdown on April 30, restoring DHS funding and easing disruptions for workers and airport travelers. But the fight against ICE violence across our nation continues. GOP leaders are pushing to fund ICE through budget reconciliation, setting the stage for weeks of clashes in Congress. If ICE gets more funding, it will only further fuel the fear and harm that have devastated communities nationwide.

Take action now. Let's keep the pressure on Congress to reject this dangerous plan. Every voice counts.

No New Funding for ICE

117TH NAACP NATIONAL CONVENTION



Registration is OPEN for the [117th NAACP National Convention](#), July 18–22, 2026, in Chicago! Join us under the theme *We The People* to build pathways to justice, engage with top voices, and celebrate Black excellence. **The Hilton Chicago has just been added as a new hotel option**—be sure to check out the [schedule-at-a-glance](#) and [book your stay](#) through Maritz, our official housing partner.

Friday, May 29, is the deadline to assign names to group blocks. [Special travel discounts](#) are available through Delta, United, and Southwest Airlines. Visit [naacp.org/convention](#) for more details and updates!

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- **Watch Now:** [The Wellness Blueprint: A Practical Guide to Supporting Youth Mental Health](#)
- **Watch Now:** [All Units Call: Redistricting Next Steps](#)

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