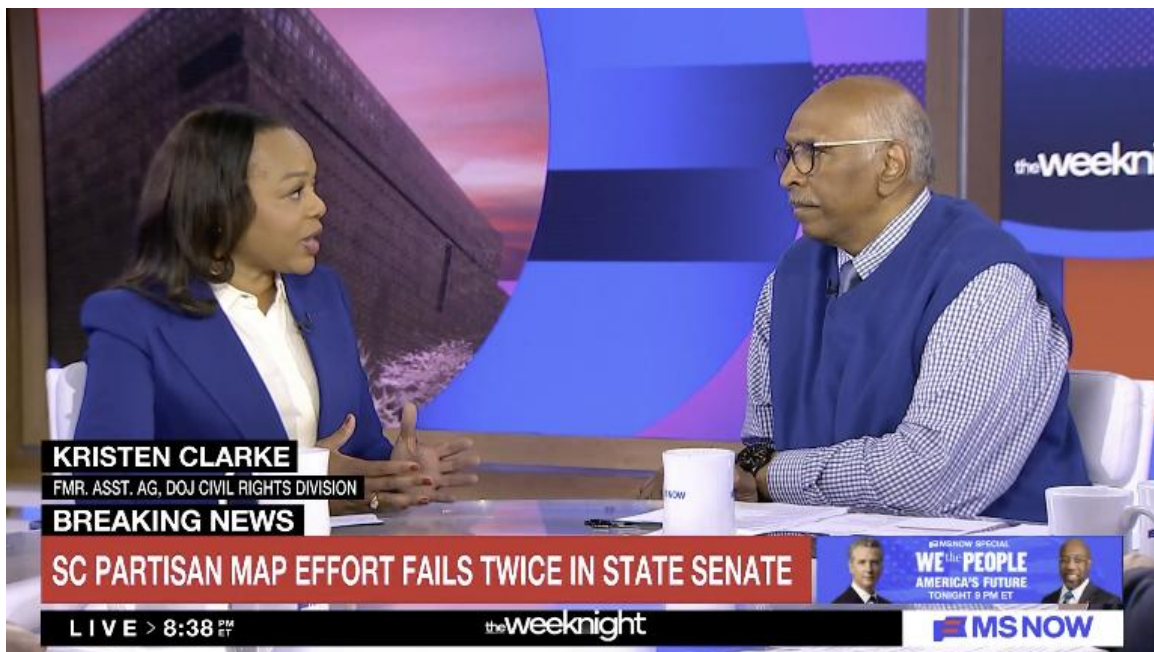


NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP



MS NOW: [‘A stain on our democracy’: NAACP General Counsel blasts GOP gerrymandering efforts across the South](#)

Trump-backed efforts to rig the midterm elections just took a hit in South Carolina, where five Republicans joined Democrats to strike down redistricting rules that would have erased the state’s only blue district. NAACP general counsel Kirsten Clarke joins to discuss.

MS NOW: [“Out Of Bounds”: NAACP pushes athlete boycott of southern colleges](#)

The battle over redistricting is now spilling into college sports, with the NAACP urging Black athletes to reconsider playing for SEC schools in states accused of weakening Black voting power. The Atlantic contributing writer Jemele Hill joins to discuss whether athletes are willing to sacrifice recruiting opportunities or championships for a broader political cause.

The Guardian: [The NAACP's boycott call is a wake-up moment for the American Black athlete](#)

This week, the NAACP turned to sports to join part of its dissent, calling for Black athletes to boycott public universities in the Southeastern Conference (SEC), arguably the most powerful football conference in the country and certainly its greatest incubator of Black athletic talent. The NAACP is responding to a political attack with a social and economic one, for no institution is as culturally relevant in the south as college football, and few economic engines gain as much public attention as sports.

The Joy Reid Show: [NAACP Leader Says Black Athletes Should Boycott the SEC | The Joy Reid Show](#)

NAACP president Derrick Johnson explains why his organization is pushing for Black parents and student athletes to boycott colleges in states that are zeroing out Black representation after the Rogers Supreme Court majority destroyed the Voting Rights Act.

BBC: [Republicans in South Carolina defy Trump to reject voting map changes](#)

The NAACP, the US's oldest civil rights organisation, also applauded the Alabama federal court ruling on Tuesday, saying that it preserved black representation.

"Redrawing maps to silence the voices of entire communities cannot be tolerated. It goes against the very values of democracy that our ancestors fought and died for," said NAACP President Derrick Johnson, adding that despite the "good news", it "is not the end of this fight".

Democracy Docket: [In blow to Trump, South Carolina lawmakers drop bid to pass gerrymander for midterms](#)

"Today, democracy won in South Carolina," NAACP General Counsel Kristen Clarke said in a statement. "By shutting down this late decade redistricting attempts, the voices of voters will prevail. This decision not only protects our communities but ensures power remains with the people."

TheGrio: [Federal court blocks Alabama's map eliminating majority-Black district in win for Black voters](#)

"Our goal is to ensure that Black communities can elect candidates of their choice. These are states with long-standing histories of racial discrimination, both at the ballot box and in all walks of life," NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson previously told theGrio. "As the redistricting process unfolds, primarily in the south, the former Confederate states, it will be absolutely evident what's taking place. Race is the predominant factor."

Reuters: [Derrick Johnson, CEO of the NAACP, speaks during the Mississippi Day of Action at the Jackson Convention Complex](#)

Derrick Johnson, CEO of the NAACP, speaks during the Mississippi Day of Action at the

Jackson Convention Complex in Jackson, Miss., on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. The day of action centered around stopping Republican-led efforts to eliminate majority-Black districts in Mississippi.

Mediate: [Trump-Appointed Judges Deal Blow to President By Blocking Alabama's GOP-Favoring Congressional Map as 'Intentionally Discriminatory'](#)

The NAACP issued a statement applauding the ruling: "We applaud the Federal Court's ruling today, preserving Black representation. Redrawing maps to silence the voices of entire communities cannot be tolerated. It goes against the very values of democracy that our ancestors fought and died for," said NAACP President Derrick Johnson.

Bay Journal: [Data center boom raises environmental justice concerns in Maryland](#)

Abre' Conner, director of the NAACP's Center for Environmental and Climate Justice, said that what's happening in Prince George's County demonstrates that local elected leaders in many parts of the country aren't listening to what their citizens are saying, especially those in vulnerable communities. "What we were seeing from local, elected and appointed individuals," she said during a data center webinar in May, "was to say, 'We're going to move forward,' despite what community members were saying."

13 News Now: [NAACP, Virginia Beach police respond after Patriot Front march](#)

The president of the Virginia Beach branch of the NAACP is condemning the recent appearance of Patriot Front members at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront, calling the group's presence intimidating and harmful to the community. In a statement released Tuesday, Virginia Beach NAACP President Eric Majette said the organization "strongly condemns" the march and public display by Patriot Front, which he described as a group known for promoting racism, anti-Semitism, intolerance and division.

The Seattle Medium: [Elon Musk Expands AI Plant Accused Of Polluting Black Areas](#)

In a statement, Abre' Conner, the NAACP's director of environmental and climate justice, said that "the urgency of ensuring that our communities' health and environment are protected is clear." Musk's deliberate expansion of an "unpermitted" power plant, she says, is an end run around environmental safeguards, and shows xAI's "blatant disregard for the law."

NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [NAACP, Voting Rights Groups Will Continue Fighting Trump Ballot Executive Order](#)
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117TH NAACP NATIONAL CONVENTION

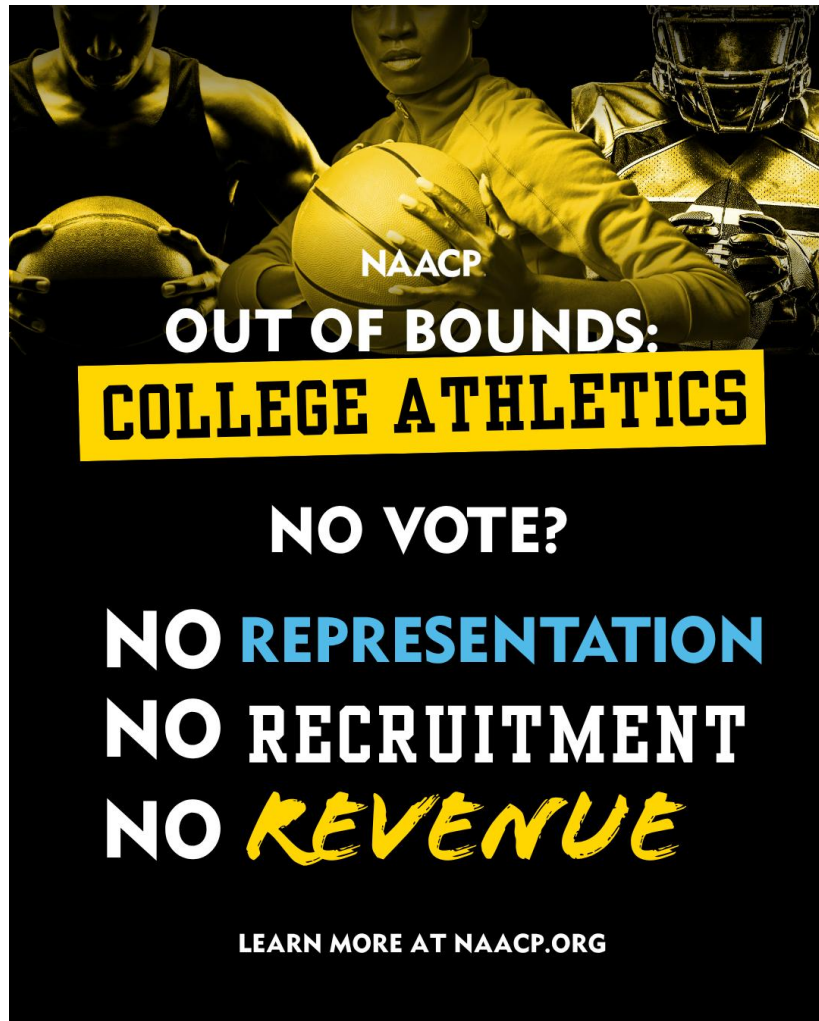


Registration is OPEN for the [117th NAACP National Convention](https://naacp.org/convention), July 18–22, 2026, in Chicago! Join us under the theme *We The People* to build pathways to justice, engage with top voices, and celebrate Black excellence.

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

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OUT OF BOUNDS

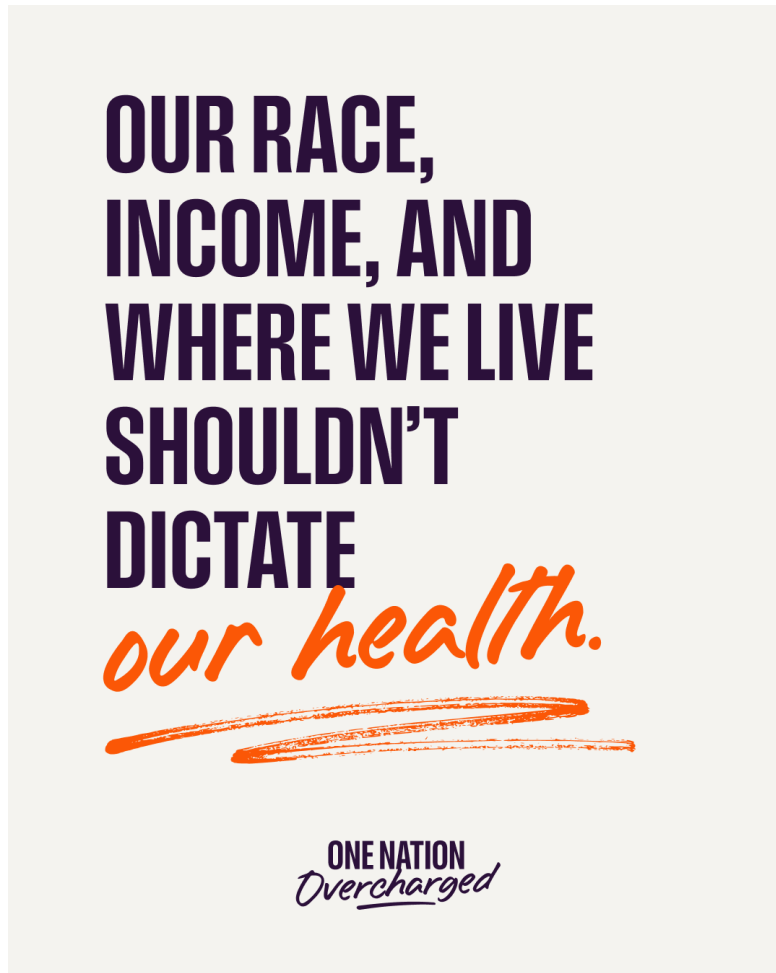


Black athletes have built powerhouse college programs across the South, generating millions in revenue. Yet, southern states are attacking Black voting rights, erasing representation while profiting from Black talent. This is [Out of Bounds](#). The NAACP is calling on Black athletes, families, alumni, and fans to withhold athletic and financial support from public universities in these states until they protect Black voting power.

P.S. Did you miss our [Out of Bounds Campaign & Southern State Voting Rights Updates](#) briefing? Catch the replay now on [naacp.org](#) or the [NAACP YouTube Channel](#).

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ONGOING ACTIONS

- **Redistricting:** Explore our “[Redistricting, Power & Our Vote](#)” collection, learn more about the fight for fair maps, and stay informed ahead of the 2026 midterms. Plus, visit the NAACP Store to grab our “[A Black Vote Was Suppressed Today](#)” merch and support the fight for voting rights.
- **25th Amendment:** The stability of our nation hangs in the balance under President Trump. [Tell the Cabinet to invoke the 25th Amendment](#).
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