

WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE



C-SPAN: [Derrick Johnson on Black Voters and Campaign 2020](#)

Derrick Johnson, NAACP president, talked about some of the issues most important to the NAACP in the 2020 election, including voting discrimination.

C-SPAN: [NAACP President Testified before House on Voting Rights Act](#)

Civil liberties and voting rights organization leaders testified before a House Judiciary subcommittee concerning voting discrimination. Witnesses discussed state voting laws since the 2013 Shelby County v. Holder decision in which the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act is unconstitutional. Among the witnesses testifying were Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights President Vanita Gupta, NAACP President Derrick Johnson and Public Interest Legal Foundation President J. Christian Adams.

ABC: [NAACP President on Combating Voter Suppression](#)

President and CEO of the NAACP Derrick Johnson explains what kind of president the black community needs, saying that person needs to "speak to hope and aspirations of the African American community."

Essence: ['The Squad' Draws A Crowd At Congressional Black Caucus](#)

Four Freshman Congresswomen, nicknamed "The Squad," got candid about politics, President Donald Trump and even personal likes and dislikes during an NAACP town hall that drew a crowd of onlookers and fans.

MSNBC: [President Derrick Johnson on President Trump's comments on Baltimore](#)

NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson talked with MSNBC's Chris Matthews and former Maryland Lieutenant Governor Michael Steele on President Trump saying Baltimore was robbed.

MSNBC: [President Derrick Johnson on Joe Biden's Appeal within Black Community](#)

NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson talked with MSNBC's Ali Velshi on Joe Biden's appeal within the African American community.

Daily Mail: [Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez predicts Miami will 'no longer exist in a few years'](#)

Democrat Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez predicts that Miami will not exist 'in a few years' if the Green New Deal is not passed. The New York representative, 29, made her chilling warning about the effects of climate change at the NAACP forum on Wednesday.

BET: [Debt 101: Understanding The Student Loan Crisis](#)

First, the good news: Black Americans, especially women, are earning more college degrees than ever before. Yet somewhere between classes, caps and gowns, and the stage strut to receive that coveted degree, Americans have racked up more than \$1.5 trillion in student loan debt, according to the Pew Research Center. For Black students, the financial burden of higher education hits hardest.

USA Today: [John Lewis, Karen Bass, Nancy Pelosi remember 1619 anniversary, cost of slavery during Capitol ceremony](#)

Led by African drummers, a parade of Congressional Black Caucus members, including civil rights legend Rep. John Lewis, marched into Emancipation Hall on Tuesday to mark the 400th anniversary of the first Africans brought to the English colonies.

WBUR: [Warren Has Lagged With Voters Of Color, But She Has Strong Support In Boston's Black Community](#)

Recent polls have suggested that Warren has struggled so far in her presidential run to gain widespread support among black voters. But in the audience at the She the People gathering were politically active women of color from across the country.

WPSD: [NAACP state convention wraps up with a focus on their purpose](#)

People from all over the state came to Paducah this weekend for Kentucky State NAACP convention. One of the big focuses of this year's convention was getting people in the community registered to vote.

WFXG: [Aiken County Branch of NAACP celebrate 101 years](#)

Aiken County City Leaders and community members filled the Silver Bluff Baptist Church today to honor a special anniversary. The Aiken County Branch of the NAACP celebrated 101 years of past

accomplishments within the community and the excitement for what's to come.

Spokesman: [Actor Danny Glover, Ohio lawmaker Nina Turner headline NAACP conference at Northern Quest](#)

The actor best known for his starring role in the "Lethal Weapon" movie series joined a co-chair of Bernie Sanders' presidential campaign Saturday evening at a regional NAACP conference at Northern Quest Resort & Casino.

WUSA9: [NAACP announces town halls to combat racism in Loudoun County Public Schools](#)

Loudoun County Public Schools are dealing with racial issues so deep that the NAACP is stepping in. A report released this summer highlighted racism not just among students, but also staff members. "The Loudoun County Public Schools have been on the radar for the NAACP for five decades, since the integration of African Americans into the school system," Loudoun NAACP President Pastor Michelle Thomas said.

STATEMENTS:

- [NAACP President & CEO Derrick Johnson to Testify Before House Judiciary Committee on Evidence of Voting Discrimination](#)
- [NAACP's Live Town Hall Set to Explore the Road to 2020 at the 49th Annual Legislative Conference](#)
- [NAACP Youth and College Hosts Black Millennial Roundtable at CBC ALC 19](#)