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WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE





[NAACP: NAACP Sues Postmaster General of the United States Postal Service to Restore Reliable Mail Delivery Ahead of November Elections](#)

The NAACP filed suit in the United States District Court of Washington, D.C. against the United States

Postal Service and Postmaster General of the United States Postal Service, Louis DeJoy. The lawsuit alleges that DeJoy has impeded the timely distribution of mail, implemented crippling policies on postal workers, and sabotaged the United States Postal Service in a blatant attempt to disenfranchise voters of color, who are already more harshly impacted by the coronavirus and require alternative methods to in-person voting to protect their health and safety.

New York Times: [The N.A.A.C.P. sues the Postal Service over mail slowdowns ahead of the election.](#)

The N.A.A.C.P. is the latest group to file a lawsuit against Postmaster General Louis DeJoy and the U.S. Postal Service, alleging that recent slowdowns in mail delivery could have grave consequences for Americans' right to vote.

Rolling Stone: [The NAACP announced on August 20th that it is suing DeJoy in federal court](#)

The NAACP announced on August 20th that it is suing DeJoy in federal court, calling his "sabotage" of the Postal Service a "blatant" effort to disenfranchise voters of color, who are disproportionately affected by the coronavirus pandemic. "Voters should not have to choose between their health and their constitutional rights," NAACP president Derrick Johnson tells Rolling Stone.

The Hill: [NAACP president: Postmaster general is 'lying'](#)

Derrick Johnson, the president of the NAACP, said Thursday that Postmaster General Louis DeJoy lied when he defended his restructuring of postal services as a measure to improve operational efficiency.

USA Today: [Why are there still so few Black executives in America?](#)

"If a CEO does not value diversity, if there is no accountability, there will be no meeting of internal goals and there will be no change." says Marvin Owens Jr, senior director of economic programs for the NAACP.

Democratic National Convention: [Derrick Johnson Talks with Joe Biden](#)

NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson speaks with Democratic Presidential Candidate Joe Biden on the importance of open access to voting.

CSPAN: [Derrick Johnson on Black Voters and Campaign 2020](#)

NAACP president and CEO Derrick Johnson talked about Black voters and issues most important in campaign 2020.

The Hill: [NAACP OpEd: Leaders must take action to halt foreclosure crisis for minorities](#)

Communities of color in the United States, especially African Americans and Latinos, have been notably hard hit amid the coronavirus pandemic, from higher rates of illness and deaths to higher rates of unemployment, mortgage default, and eviction risk. These challenges have come on the heels of the devastating Great Recession, when these same communities of color disproportionately experienced

foreclosure, displacement, and loss of wealth, from which many families have not even recovered.

Business Insider: [President of the NAACP describes Kanye West's campaign as 'a voter-suppression method because it is put in place to mislead voters'](#)

Derrick Johnson became president of the NAACP during President Trump's first year in office, and he's not sure he would survive another four-year term. In an interview with Business Insider, Johnson spoke about voter suppression and how his civil rights organization plans to fight it; Kanye West's pseudo-campaign for the White House; and why he thinks the upcoming election is a matter of life and death for African Americans — one that could also determine whether democracy persists in the United States.

Deadline.com: [Sobini Films, NAACP Team For Shields Green Biopic 'Emperor' Release; Freestyle Digital Acquires 'The Real Exorcist'; Straight Up Films Tackling Youth Mental Health Crisis – Film Briefs](#)

Sobini Films, the production company behind soon-to-released Shields Green biopic *Emperor*, said it will donate \$1 for every digital transaction during the first month of film's release to the NAACP. "All too often vital narratives, such as EMPEROR, are left out of Hollywood and our history books," said Robin Harrison, director, NAACP Hollywood Bureau

Chicago Defender: [NAACP calls attacks on postal service 'threat to democracy'](#)

The NAACP strongly condemns the Trump administration's deliberate attempt to sabotage the U.S. Postal Service to obstruct voting by mail and to ensure a favorable outcome in the election. Disrupting the machinery of democracy constitutes a strike against the integrity and legitimacy of our elections. It must not stand.

Click 2 Houston: [Houstonians among first winners of \\$10,000 grant from Beyonce, NAACP](#)

Three Houston business owners are among the first recipients of a new grant from Beyonce and the NAACP. The Houston native's BeyGOOD Foundation partnered with the civil rights group to create the Black-owned Small Business Impact Fund which awards \$10,000 grants to Black-owned business owners in select cities. The first round of 20 awardees were announced Tuesday morning on Beyonce.com.

WMC: [Mid-South organizations launch joint election effort to increase voter turnout](#)

The NAACP, AFL-CIO, Teamsters and MICAHA have teamed up to launch a joint election effort in hopes of a record-breaking turnout at the upcoming Nov. 3 election. "The NAACP Memphis Branch wants to help everyone exercise the power of their vote and we are committed to protecting everyone's fair and equitable access to the voting booth," said Ian Randolph, NAACP Political Chair. "Register to vote and exercise your power."

Chattanooga.com: [Tennessee NAACP Asks Governor Lee To Veto Bill "Criminalizing Peaceful](#)

[Protests](#)

The Tennessee NAACP is asking Governor Bill Lee to veto the bill passed during the recent special legislative session that "criminalizes peaceful protest." The group said, "On Wednesday, August 12, 2020, the Republican majority General Assembly passed legislation that increases penalties aimed at protesters.

STATEMENTS:

- [NAACP Sues Postmaster General of the United States Postal Service to Restore Reliable Mail Delivery Ahead of November Elections](#)
- [Viewing Social Security Through The Civil Rights Lens](#)
- [NAACP Calls Attacks on Postal Service "Unprecedented Threat to Democracy"](#)
- [NAACP Launches an Unprecedented "Black Voices Change Lives" Campaign to Activate Infrequent Black Voters in Critical Battleground States](#)



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UPCOMING EVENTS:



20 20 VIRTUAL MARCH ON WASHINGTON

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In commemoration of the 57th anniversary of the March on Washington, [a coalition of civil rights and social justice leaders will lead a Virtual March on Washington on August 27 and August 28, 2020.](#) Just days after both the Democratic National Convention and the Republican National Convention, thousands will join the virtual march to mobilize ahead of the November elections.

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