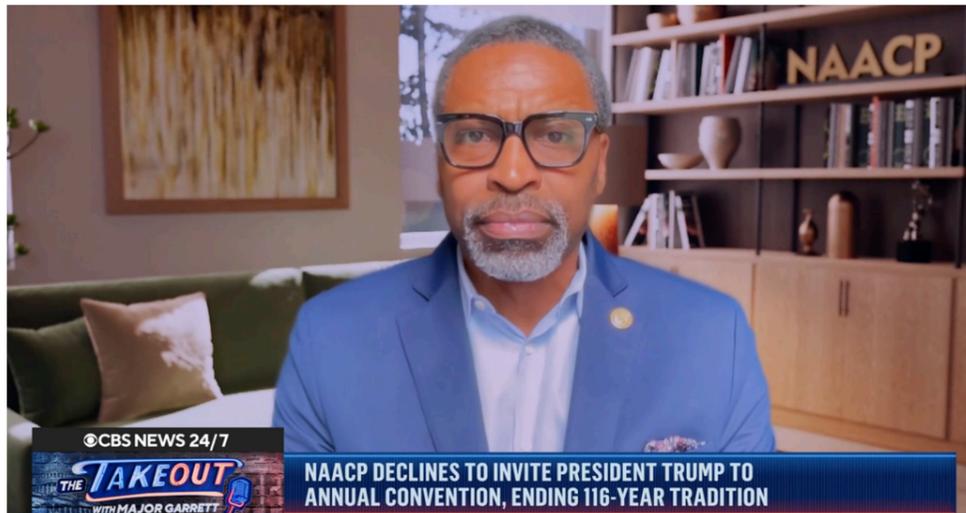


## Weekly News Recap



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**CBS News:** [NAACP president explains why Trump isn't invited to annual convention](#)

VIDEO: The NAACP is breaking a 116-year tradition of inviting the president to its annual convention, declining to invite President Trump this year. NAACP president and CEO Derrick Johnson joins "The Takeout" to discuss Mr. Trump's budget bill and explain the organization's reasoning for not extending an invitation to him.

**Charlotte Observer:** [NAACP National Convention in Charlotte: Your guide to parking, transit + more](#)

Thousands are expected to flock to uptown Charlotte later this month for the [NAACP's 116th National Convention](#). "The NAACP National Convention is an empowering and immersive experience held each year to celebrate our community's collective power," the organization says. "The Convention attracts innovative change-makers, thought-leaders, entrepreneurs, scholars, entertainers, influencers, and creatives to network and exchange ideas."

**CBS News:** [Full Interview: NAACP CEO Derrick Johnson on Trump and the "big, beautiful bill"](#)

VIDEO: CBS News chief Washington correspondent Major Garrett speaks with NAACP CEO Derrick Johnson about President Trump's second term, the comprehensive budget bill just passed by Congress and the NAACP's decision to break long-standing tradition and not invite the president to their annual convention.

**ABC News:** [175+ Democrats supporting NAACP suit against dismantling Department of Education](#)

The lawmakers' brief attempting to block the administration from abolishing the Department of Education is in support of the NAACP's suit against the government this past spring. In March, that case argued that downsizing the department through a workforce reduction that slashed nearly half the agency's staff -- among other measures like terminating statutory grant programs -- violates the separation of powers and lacks constitutional authority.

**Action 5 News:** ['It's heart-wrenching:' Memphis NAACP reacts to Senate passing Trump's 'Big Beautiful Bill,' SNAP cuts](#)

VIDEO: The executive director of the NAACP Memphis Branch says Trump's "Big Beautiful Bill" is one of the worst that could be passed, especially for those who rely on SNAP benefits.

**WAVE:** [NAACP, mayor condemn group that marched through downtown Louisville as white supremacist](#)

VIDEO: The NAACP on Sunday said the demonstration was apparently held without a permit in violation of city code.

**Syracuse University News:** [Law Professor Receives 2025 Onondaga County NAACP Freedom Fund Award](#)

[College of Law](#) Professor [Suzette Meléndez](#), director of the [Syracuse Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic](#), was honored with a 2025 Onondaga

County NAACP Freedom Fund Award at their 45th Annual Freedom Fund Award Dinner.

**NBC3 (KSNV): [NAACP calls for resignation of school police chief over controversial officer appointment](#)**

The NAACP chapter in Las Vegas is calling for the resignation of a school police chief following a personnel decision to appoint a lieutenant over the training bureau after he used force on a student more than two years ago.

**WMRA Public Radio: [Judge considers First Amendment claims in NAACP v. Shenandoah County](#)**

The federal lawsuit brought by Shenandoah County students and the NAACP against the county school board had its first evidence review hearing this week in Harrisonburg. WMRA's Calvin Pynn was in the courtroom, and filed this report.

**WAVE: ['It will never be tolerated': NAACP, mayor condemn group that marched through downtown Louisville as white supremacist](#)**

The Louisville branch of the NAACP and Mayor Craig Greenberg are speaking out against what they called a white supremacist march that took place in downtown Louisville Saturday afternoon.

### NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [NAACP on Passage of Budget Reconciliation Bill: We Will Remember This Betrayal at the Ballot Box](#)
- [Coalition moves for injunction stopping Trump administration's actions to dismantle the Department of Education](#)
- [NAACP Deeply Disappointed by the Senate's Failure to Put the American People First](#)

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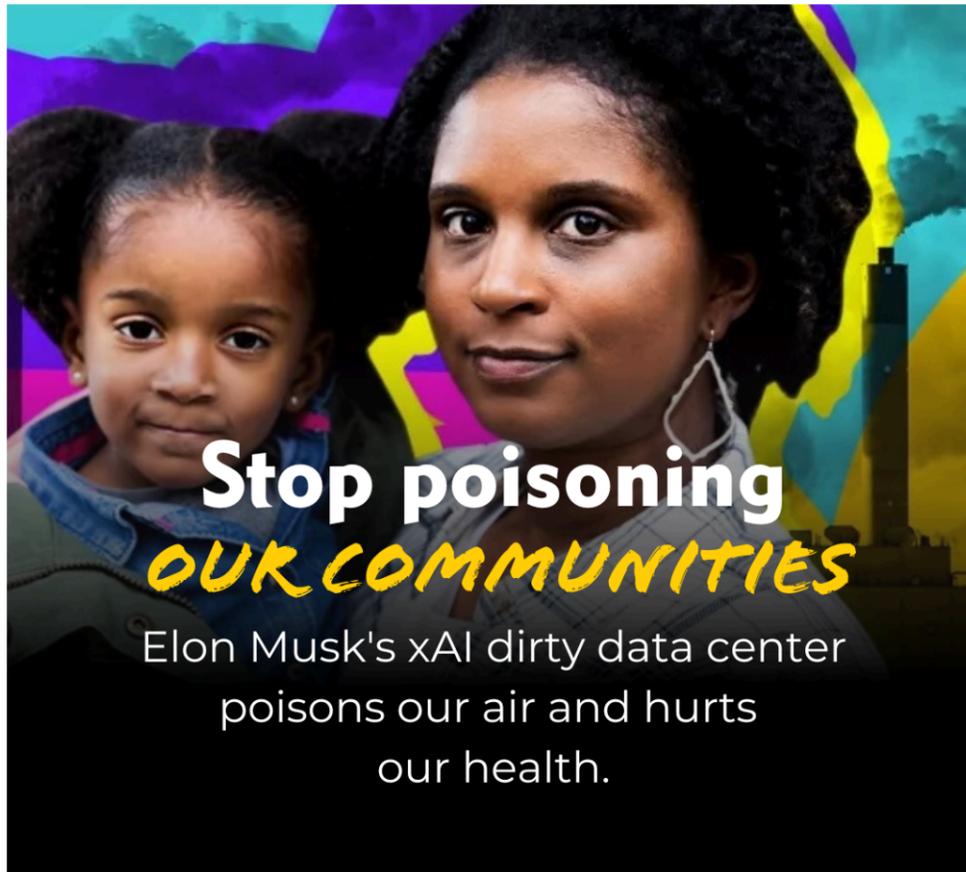
🎙️ [Ep. 17 - Sonique Saturday](#): Creative force **Sonique Saturday** unpacks why representation in media, fashion, and leadership matters—on-screen and behind the scenes—and how authentic storytelling fuels cultural power.

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