

Weekly News Recap



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CBS News: [NAACP launches town halls to mobilize Black voters ahead of 2026 midterm elections](#)

"It may still seem far away, but the 2026 midterm elections will determine whether our democracy still holds on or whether the people surrender their power to a king," NAACP President Derrick Johnson said in a statement to CBS News. "So, from our perspective, as the NAACP, it's clear: we've got to start organizing early."

USA Today Network: ['DC has a right to govern itself': Civil rights leaders denounce Trump's takeover move](#)

Derrick Johnson, president of the NAACP, said the "brave men and women" of the National Guard are part of the country's defense against domestic emergencies. "There's no emergency in D.C., so why would he deploy the National Guard?" Johnson said in a statement. "D.C. has the right to govern itself. It doesn't need this federal coup."

NBC4 Washington: [Examining the racist history and connotations of the words used during Trump's MPD takeover](#)

VIDEO: Words have power, and some words have a troubling and complex history in the United States — especially for communities of color. News4's Tracee Wilkins spoke with Dominik Whitehead of the NAACP.

CBS News: [NAACP launching town halls to mobilize Black voters ahead of midterms](#)

VIDEO: America's oldest civil rights organization, the NAACP, is kicking off a series of town halls this week to mobilize Black voters ahead of the 2026 midterm elections. CBS News congressional correspondent Nikole Killian reports.

Black Enterprise: [NAACP Announces Nationwide Town Halls To Drive Black Voter Turnout For 2026 Midterms](#)

The NAACP is organizing a nationwide series of town hall meetings aimed at energizing and mobilizing Black voters ahead of the 2026 midterm elections, [CBS News reports](#). NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson said the effort is a direct response to ongoing challenges to voting access.

The Black Wall Street Times: [NAACP to hold town halls across US ahead of midterm elections](#)

In an effort to mobilize Black voters and counter what it calls "[attacks on democracy](#)," the NAACP has launched a series of town halls across the country more than a year ahead of the 2026 mid-term elections.

Social News XYZ: [NAACP launching town halls to mobilize Black](#)

[voters ahead of midterms \(Video\)](#)

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Hunterdon Review: [The NAACP Hunterdon Branch to host 'The Fierce Urgency of Now' town halls on Tuesday, Aug. 12](#)

Through raising public awareness, the Hunterdon NAACP hopes to enlighten how national issues manifest all the way down to the state, county, and municipal levels. The idea is to inspire citizens to pay more attention to local government, and motivate involvement in public affairs now, and in the future.

Spectrum News NY1: [NAACP Conference President L. Joy Williams talks Dr. Dukes' history](#)

L. Joy Williams, conference president of the New York State NAACP, explained the history of Harlem, and civil rights activists Dr. Hazel Dukes and Charlie Rangel. Having been born in New York, Williams says the NAACP still does a lot of work in the state, not just in the South. Williams discussed what she called the attack on DEI across the country and said social activism is important during this time.

The Paducah Sun: [NAACP town hall seeks healing, change after deadly shooting](#)

The Paducah-McCracken County NAACP held a community meeting at Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church to process the Aug. 9 shooting on Boyd Street that claimed the life of a pregnant woman and injured two others.

BET: [NAACP Launches National Town Halls to Mobilize Black Voters for 2026](#)

With more than a year until the midterms, the civil rights group is focusing on grassroots organizing, voter recruitment, and resisting policies it calls 'attacks on democracy.'

CBS7 (WSPA): [NAACP holds news conference on Daniel High football incident](#)

The NAACP, Pastors United for Action, and community activists spoke to the media Friday regarding the incident involving Daniel High School football players during a July camp.

Texarkana Gazette: [Miller County, Arkansas, NAACP welcomes Johndrea Tatum as new president](#)

The Miller County NAACP has welcomed Texarkana native Johndrea Tatum as its new president for a one-year term.

NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [NAACP to Organize Nationwide Town Halls to Defend Civil Rights and Mobilize Volunteers Ahead of 2026 Election](#)
- [NAACP Statement on Trump Threatening to Take Over D.C.](#)

FIERCE ADVOCACY IN ACTION TOWN HALLS



Join the NAACP for the [Fierce Advocacy in Action Town Halls](#), a series rooted in Black resistance and grounded in the NAACP's vision for political accountability and justice today.

In cities across the country, we'll tackle urgent issues like healthcare, education, food access, and environmental justice.

Together, we'll amplify local voices, demand accountability from leaders, and build momentum for the 2026 midterm elections.

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Every voice matters. Every vote counts. But without strong protections in place, access to fair voting is at risk for millions across our nation.

We need lawmakers to advance the [John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act](#) (JLVRAA), recently reintroduced by Senators Raphael Warnock (D-GA) and Dick Durbin (D-IL). Named after civil rights icon John Lewis, this critical piece of legislation was designed to restore and strengthen protections against voter discrimination that were eroded by the Supreme Court in 2013.

[Read more and join us in urging Congress to pass this critical piece of legislation.](#)

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