

Weekly News Recap



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Black Enterprise: [NAACP Sues Missouri Over Special Session Redistricting Plan](#)

The NAACP is suing Missouri over a special redistricting session, arguing the plan is unconstitutional and threatens to silence Black voters' voices.

Associated Press: [From slavery to pollution, National Park employees flagged material deemed 'disparaging' to US](#)

"Slavery is not a side story. It's the engine of American economic growth for more than two centuries," said Cedric Haynes, vice president of policy and legislative affairs with the NAACP. "And there are individuals who played a part in this." It's important to name the people who perpetuated slavery's atrocities, he said, because that legacy is embedded in American laws, institutions and the nation's wealth.

Courthouse News Service: [Virginia school board violated First Amendment by restoring Confederate school name](#)

"The court has concluded that D.D., A.J., and the other members of the Virginia State Conference NAACP who attend Stonewall Jackson High School are subject to ongoing violations of their constitutional rights, and the court recognizes the urgency of remedying those compelled speech violations as soon as possible,"

NBC News: [At Emory University, the disbanding of DEI contradicts the school's progressive reputation](#)

The Georgia NAACP says it's concerned the move is regressive and out of step with Atlanta's legacy of civil rights, while an alumni group says it supports the school's Black president.

FOX5 Atlanta: [Georgia NAACP urges Emory to reverse decision to close DEI offices](#)

The Georgia NAACP and students are pushing back, saying the decision will harm campus culture and opportunities.

WLNS: [NAACP voices concerns on East Lansing police commission changes](#)

The Lansing branch of the NAACP says a proposal in contract talks between East Lansing and its police union would significantly reduce the authority of the city's Independent Police Oversight Commission.

WILX10: [NAACP expresses concerns on recent East Lansing Ordinance changes](#)

The Lansing branch of the NAACP says that they have some concerns about a proposal in contract talks between the City of East Lansing and its police union.

Magnolia Tribune: [NAACP alleges state withheld millions that could](#)

[have helped Jackson's water system](#)

The NAACP sued Mississippi last week, alleging that state officials withheld millions of federal dollars while knowing the City of Jackson's water system was on the edge of failure.

KTRE: [East Texas voter registrar training hosted by Lufkin NAACP vice president](#)

In light of election season being around the corner, some local community members are working ahead to make a difference — starting with training poll workers.

CBS13: [Houston County NAACP event inspires hope amid rising local violence](#)

The Houston County NAACP hosted an event to empower youth and address family violence.

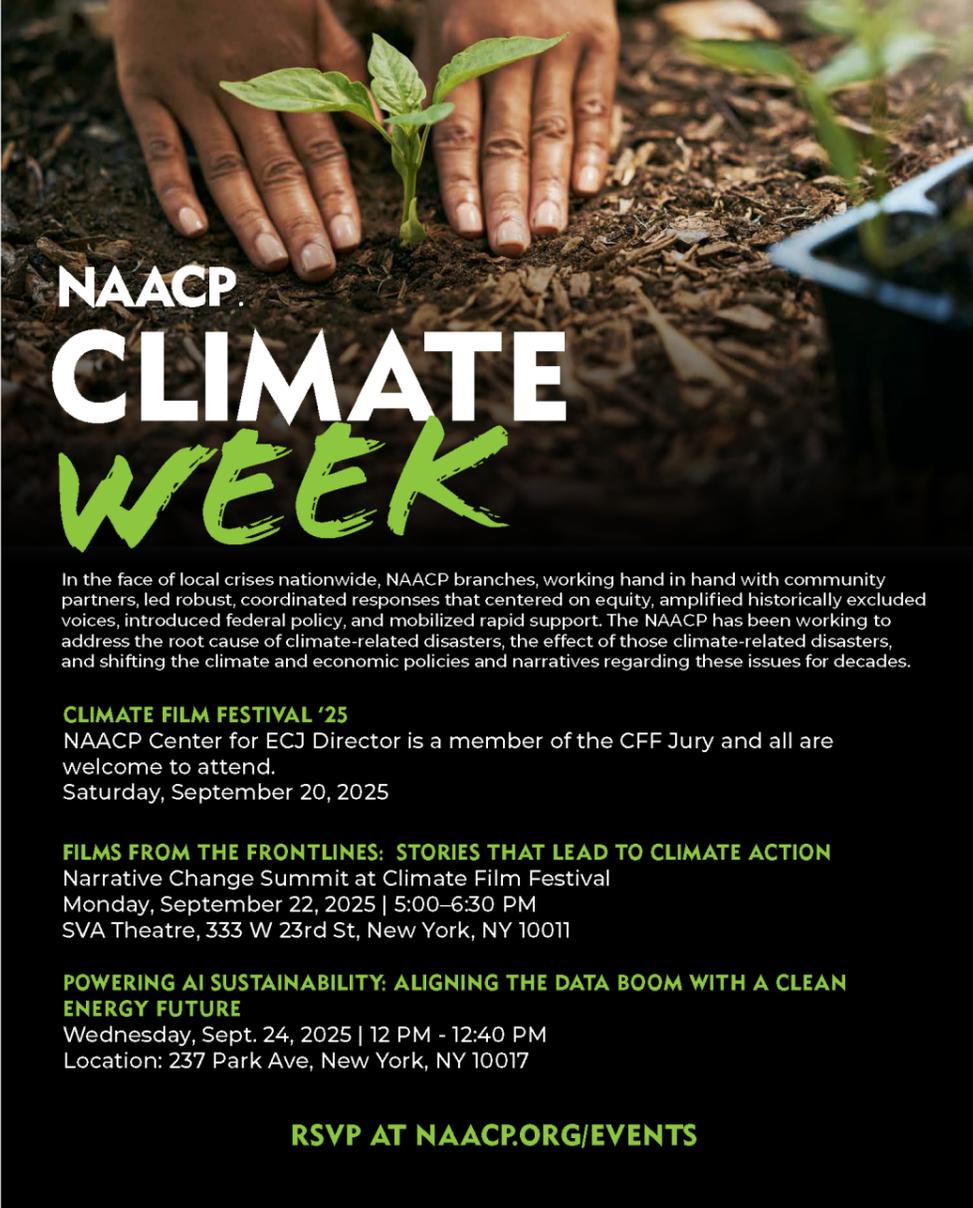
FOX5 Atlanta: [NAACP seeks talks after Emory shuts down DEI programs](#)

Emory University's decision to end its diversity, equity and inclusion programs has drawn criticism from the Georgia NAACP, which is asking for a meeting with school leaders by the end of the month.

NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [NAACP Advances Climate in Color at New York Climate Week '25, Amplifies Climate Justice Agenda on AI](#)
- [NAACP Responds to Recent Threats Targeting HBCUs](#)

CLIMATE WEEK



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In the face of local crises nationwide, NAACP branches, working hand in hand with community partners, led robust, coordinated responses that centered on equity, amplified historically excluded voices, introduced federal policy, and mobilized rapid support. The NAACP has been working to address the root cause of climate-related disasters, the effect of those climate-related disasters, and shifting the climate and economic policies and narratives regarding these issues for decades.

CLIMATE FILM FESTIVAL '25
NAACP Center for ECJ Director is a member of the CFF Jury and all are welcome to attend.
Saturday, September 20, 2025

FILMS FROM THE FRONTLINES: STORIES THAT LEAD TO CLIMATE ACTION
Narrative Change Summit at Climate Film Festival
Monday, September 22, 2025 | 5:00–6:30 PM
SVA Theatre, 333 W 23rd St, New York, NY 10011

POWERING AI SUSTAINABILITY: ALIGNING THE DATA BOOM WITH A CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE
Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2025 | 12 PM - 12:40 PM
Location: 237 Park Ave, New York, NY 10017

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The NAACP is proud to participate in Climate Week 2025 to showcase our commitment to environmental justice and the fight against climate change.

This year, we'll be hosting several impactful events in New York City. By

amplifying the voices of marginalized communities disproportionately affected by climate change, we continue to lead the charge for a more inclusive and sustainable future.

[Join us in taking action and making a difference during this pivotal week!](#)

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NAACP SEPTEMBER WEBINARS

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WEBINARS

This September, we are hosting a powerful lineup of webinars to equip our communities with the tools, knowledge, and strategies needed to drive change. Mark your calendars and register today to join us in advancing our collective work.

Tuesday, September 9 | 7pm

BUILDING A HEALTHIER FUTURE: DESIGNING AI FOR HEALTH EQUITY
Explore how artificial intelligence is shaping health outcomes in our communities, the opportunities it presents, and the imperatives for health equity.

Tuesday, September 16 | 8pm

DEFENDING DEMOCRACY TOGETHER (COMMUNITY CALL)
Join the NAACP for a national action webinar connecting federal threats to state and local organizing. Hear from national leaders and experts on protecting voting rights, combating disinformation, and mobilizing communities ahead of the midterm elections.

Thursday, September 18 | 7pm

VETERAN AFFAIRS KICKOFF TRAINING
The NAACP Armed Services & Veterans Affairs team invites you to a high-impact webinar equipping Black and Brown veterans, family members, and advocates to protect hard-won benefits amid escalating budget and policy threats. We'll share tools from our ASVA "Project 2025" toolkit and provide strategies to organize through Veterans Day.

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This month, we're bringing the heat with a dynamic webinar series packed with the tools, insights, and strategies you need to spark real change.

Don't wait! Save your spot today, and let's drive progress together!

RSVP NOW:

September 16: [Defending Democracy Together \(Community Call\)](#)

[Click here to register.](#)

September 18: [Veteran Affairs Kickoff Training](#)

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PROTECT BLACK WORKERS



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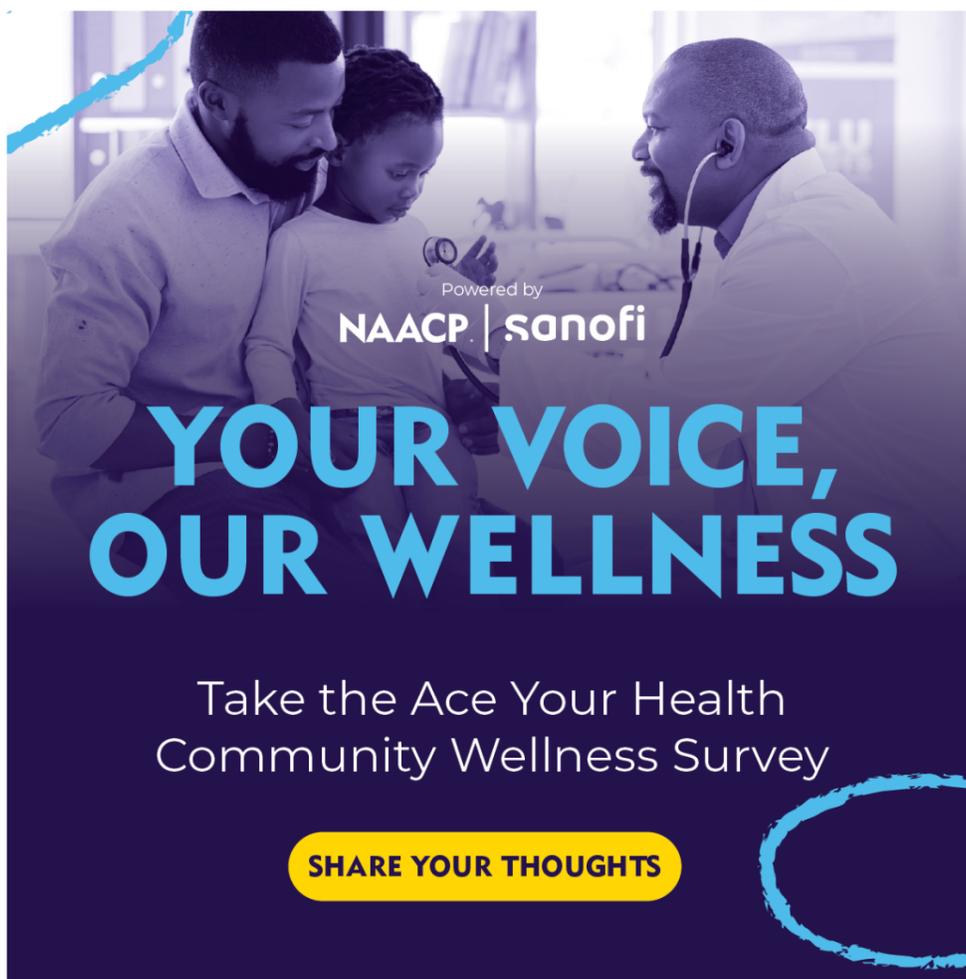
The latest jobs report revealed a sharp rise in the Black unemployment rate, jumping to 7.2%, the highest in nearly five years. By comparison, the overall U.S. rate is 4.2%, exposing a widening gap that continues to leave Black workers behind.

Behind these numbers are real families bearing the weight of massive federal job cuts—impacting Black women most—and the rollback of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs that once opened doors to opportunity.

We're calling on the White House and Congress to act now to protect Black jobs and build pathways to equity. [Add your name to demand action.](#)

[Sign the Pledge](#)

ACE YOUR HEALTH



We're in the final stretch. The [ACE Your Health Community Wellness Survey](#) closes on **Tuesday, September 30 at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

For months, we've been gathering stories about the barriers our communities face, whether it's the cost of care, lack of access to essential services, or the daily stressors that impact overall health. Your voice matters in shaping the policies and resources that will respond to these challenges.

If you haven't yet, take a few minutes to complete the survey and encourage friends and family to do the same. Together, we can turn lived experiences into real change.

[Complete the Survey](#)

COMMUNITY GUIDING PRINCIPLES



Data centers are rising fast and so is the pollution from their operations in frontline and fenceline neighborhoods. In fact, many of the centers are in places that are already sacrifice zones for existing industrial pollution.

The [Frontline Framework Community Data Center Guiding Principles](#) bring together community voices, environmental and climate justice framing, and the Jemez Principles for Democratic Organizing with

the 17 Principles of Environmental Justice as a foundation. They offer a unifying guide for organizers and communities fighting harmful data centers or building cleaner alternatives.

[Learn more & sign on for your community.](#)

30TH ANNUAL WEBBY AWARDS



For 30 years, [The Webby Awards](#) has celebrated the best of the Internet, spotlighting groundbreaking talent and organizations. By entering, you can potentially join the ranks of past winners including Keke Palmer, Questlove, Kamie Crawford, GLAAD, Fenty Beauty, NASA, and others.

What's new this year?

- A new suite of recognitions honoring artificial intelligence
- A new suite for Creator Business
- And new honors in Video & Film, including Best Use of Immersive, Best Documentary Storytelling, and Documentary: Midform

Interested? [Submit your work](#) by the early entry deadline on October 24, 2025, to take advantage of the best pricing options available.

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