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Weekly News Recap

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NAACP's Phaedra Jackson (far left) moderates the NAACP Hollywood Bureau Symposium on February 19, 2025 in Los Angeles, CA.

Mother Jones: [Racial Justice Campaigners Were Prop. 50's Army in the Field](#)

That's what led the NAACP, in the weeks leading up to the election, to become one of the measure's biggest direct supporters, including by door-knocking and deploying hundreds of poll monitors across the state. "There has been a long and steady march to kind of erode our voting rights," said Phaedra Jackson, NAACP's vice president of unit advocacy and effectiveness, reflecting on the conservative Supreme Court's [continuing attacks on the Voting Rights Act](#) of 1965.

BlackPressUSA: [Democrats Are Digging In Harder as Eight Dems Sided to Reopen the Government](#)

The NAACP President and CEO, Derrick Johnson, has submitted letters to Senate Majority Leader John Thune, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, House Speaker Mike Johnson, and House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries expressing "grave concern with actions of the congressional Majority and several Senate Democrats regarding the healthcare needs of everyday Americans." The NAACP letter concludes with the statement, "Congress has a responsibility to govern in a manner reflecting the American values of fairness."

New York Times: [Kennedy Walks a Tightrope on Trump Deal for Obesity Drugs](#)

Beyond targeting the drug companies, Mr. Kennedy has castigated the media as "cheerleading for Ozempic." He also accused the NAACP of lobbying for the drug. Dominic K. Hawkins, a spokesman for the organization, said that the NAACP did not lobby on behalf of Novo Nordisk or any drugmakers.

The Observer: [New law backed by NAACP to transform reading education in California](#)

California is set to overhaul how it teaches reading to K-8 students after Gov. Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill (AB)1454, a landmark reform authored by Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas (D-Hollister) and supported by the NAACP California-Hawaii State Conference.