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WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE



GMA: [Protecting Voter's Rights](#)

The NAACP President Derrick Johnson shares his thoughts on the Senate, Martin Luther King Jr. and voter suppression.

House Committee on the Judiciary: [WATCH: Hearings on Voter Suppression and Continuing Threats to Democracy](#)

NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson testifies before the subcommittee on the Constitution, civil rights, and civil liberties on voter suppression along with other civil rights leaders.

CNN: [Voting rights fight shifts back to statehouses as Senate Democrats fail to advance national protections](#)

"Anything short of protecting the right to vote is a death sentence for democracy. This fight is far from over," said Derrick Johnson, the NAACP president.

Politico: [Biden gets his annual review](#)

"After the four most egregious years of racism and hateful rhetoric we've ever seen

come out of the White House, the fabric of our democracy is worn thin. The fault lines in our society are exposed, and Black Americans are harmed the most. Our nation is in dire need of course-correcting legislation. To do nothing would be a betrayal of the principles America claims to stand on. The Biden presidency has an opportunity to move us forward and ensure equitable treatment of all Americans. Congress and the Biden Administration must be committed to delivering federal policy in favor of the people who elected them: communities of color. But, unfortunately, we've yet to see that happen in a real and meaningful way when it comes to voting rights, police reform, educational outcomes for debt-laden college graduates, and economic opportunities for small businesses. President Biden has made progress on racially diverse appointments in the executive and judicial branches — more than we've ever seen. However, it has yet to translate to policy and implementation to detect, address and remedy systemic racism. The real mark of his presidency lies in the outcomes, not the optics.” Grade: B — Derrick Johnson, president of the NAACP.

PBS NewsHour: [WATCH: Civil rights leaders testify in House Judiciary hearing on voter suppression](#)

Civil rights leaders including Judicial Watch senior attorney T. Russell Nobile and NAACP President Derrick Johnson are expected to speak.

The Hill: [NAACP president presses senators on voting rights: 'You will decide who defines America'](#)

The president of the NAACP is pressing senators to pass voting rights legislation as the upper chamber considers the issue this week, telling the lawmakers “with your vote, you will decide who defines America, and who has a voice in America.”

The Hill: [DirecTV declines to renew OAN contract](#)

OAN has been under fire for some of its content as many have called for TV distributors to drop the network. The NAACP met with AT&T in October to urge them to drop OAN. NAACP President Derrick Johnson will be meeting with AT&T leadership tomorrow, October 21st. The meeting will focus on the need for AT&T to drop OAN immediately," the NAACP said.

PBS NewsHour: [“Martin Luther King III criticizes Manchin and Sinema over filibuster reform, says “History will not remember them kindly”](#)

“President Biden brings as much experience on how the Senate functions, what moves Senate members, than any other president perhaps than President [Lyndon] Johnson. He is skilled in the art of the Senate procedure and process,” said NAACP President Derrick Johnson in a recent interview. “It’s not for me to instruct what he should do, it’s for me to push for him to do something.”

LA Times: [Biden Walks Back Talk That Future Elections Might Not Be ‘Legit’](#)

Dominik Whitehead, the vice president of campaigns at the NAACP, said there’s a

clear difference between what voting rights advocates and Democrats say is happening in some Republican-led states and what Trump claimed happened in the 2020 election.

Boston.com: [Sinema, Manchin slammed as Senate begins voting bill debate](#)

“We cannot think of a time more defining to the American story than the chapter you are presently writing,” NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson wrote in an open letter to the Senate.

LA Times: [As it turns 113, NAACP evolves for relevance on racial justice agenda](#)

As the NAACP turns 113, look for its voice to grow louder on issues like climate change, the student debt crisis and the ongoing response to the pandemic — while keeping voting rights and criminal justice reform at the forefront of its priorities.

LA Times: [‘Insecure,’ H.E.R. lead 2022 NAACP Image Awards nominations](#)

The 53rd NAACP Image Awards will be hosted by “Black-ish” star and seven time NAACP Image Awards winner Anthony Anderson.

Deadline: [NAACP Image Awards Nominations: Netflix Tops List for Second Year in A Row With ‘The Harder They Fall’, ‘Bruised’ and ‘Passing’](#)

Nominees for the 53rd NAACP Image Awards are officially in, with Netflix taking the lead with 52 noms overall for titles across film and TV including The Harder They Fall, Passing, Bruised, The Upshaws and Maid. The Harder They Fall’s nominations include for Outstanding Motion Picture, where it joins fellow nominees Judas and the Black Messiah and King Richard from Warner Bros, MGM/UAR’s Respect and Hulu’s The United States vs. Billie Holiday. The show announcing marquee winners is set to place February 26 at 8 p.m. ET/PT live on BET. The NAACP will recognize winners in non-televised categories February 21-25, with those ceremonies to stream on NAACPImageAwards.net.

The Daily Dish: [Robyn Dixon and Gizelle Bryant Are Up for a Major Award — and They’re Not the Only Ones](#)

Raise your champagne glass, because Robyn Dixon and Gizelle Bryant are nominated for a major award. The Real Housewives of Potomac podcast hosts are being recognized at the upcoming 53rd NAACP Image Awards for their podcast, Reasonably Shady.

National Black Justice Coalition: [The National Black Justice Coalition Celebrates Historic Number Of Openly LGBTQ+/SGL NAACP Image Award Nominees](#)

The National Black Justice Coalition (NBJC) celebrates the historic number of openly Black lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer+, and same-gender loving (LGBTQ+/SGL) nominees for the NAACP Image Awards. The Image Awards honor outstanding performances in film, television, theater, music, and literature and include several honorary awards.

Spectrum News 1: [In new rallying cry for voting protections, Biden announces support for Senate rule change](#)

“Unfortunately many policymakers have not truly appreciated the gravity of where we are in this nation at this moment,” NAACP President Derrick Johnson said in an interview with The Associated Press, singling out both Biden’s White House as well as Senate Democrats. “African Americans have seen this before. We’ve experienced this before. We must get beyond procedural conversations and get to the substance of protecting this fragile thing called democracy.”

NAACP: [Hey Black America](#)

NAACP SVP of Marketing & Communications Trovon Williams speaks about our current priorities like police reform, canceling student debt, voting rights and more, and how you can join us in this fight! He also encourages you to celebrate Black excellence by voting for the current Image Awards nominees for our upcoming 53 Image Awards.

STATEMENTS:

- [Director of Education Innovation and Research, Dr. Ivory Toldson, Releases Statement on Governor DeSantis' Support of Anti-Critical Race Theory Bill](#)
 - [NAACP and Urban Land Institute Washington Announce ACT-SO Sustainable Building Intensive Featuring UrbanPlan](#)
 - [NAACP Mourns the Death of Cheryl A. Hickmon, National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.](#)
 - [NAACP NAACP President and CEO, Derrick Johnson, Releases Statement on Senate's Failure to Pass Voting Rights Legislation](#)
 - [NAACP Mourns the Passing of André Leon Talley, Fashion Tastemaker](#)
 - [NAACP Nominees and Host Anthony Anderson Announced for the "53rd NAACP Image Awards" Airing Saturday, February 26th at 8:00 PM ET / PT on BET](#)
 - [NAACP President & CEO Derrick Johnson Releases Statement on Directv's Announcement to Drop One America News \(OAN\)](#)
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[NAACP Launches Building Beautiful Futures Initiative in Partnership with Dark &](#)

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In partnership with Dark and Lovely, NAACP has launched a new initiative called Building Beautiful Futures: Closing the Opportunity Gap focused on bringing educational and career equity to Black, female college students and young professionals.

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[Continue To Defend Democracy](#)

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IS NOT RIGHT OR LEFT,
IT'S RIGHT OR WRONG!**

#DEFENDEMOCRACY

This past week, the Senate blocked a pivotal piece of legislation that would safeguard voting rights for generations to come — The Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act. The shameful outcome revealed who stands for and who stands against democracy.

The fight is far from over. Continue to advocate for the protection of your voting rights.

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