



MSNBC News: [Student debt relief a 'great step in the right direction,' says NAACP](#)

NAACP CEO Derrick Johnson explains why he says President Biden's student debt loan relief announcement is a step in the right direction for the country.

NPR: [Does Biden's student loan plan do enough for Black graduates?](#)

NPR's Rachel Martin talks to Wisdom Cole, national director of the NAACP Youth and College Division, about the Biden administration's student loan forgiveness program.

ABC News: [NAACP president: Biden student debt relief plan 'a great step'](#)

Derrick Johnson, president of the NAACP, talks about the student loan forgiveness plan and what it means for Black Americans. More must be done, he says.

CNN: [The frustrating truth about who is excluded from college debt relief](#)

NAACP President Derrick Johnson told CNN's Jim Sciutto on Thursday that while he opposes means testing for loan forgiveness, he can appreciate that it is targeted. "Now we're talking about teachers, we're talking about federal employees, we're talking about state and municipal employees, individuals who make sure that our economy grows, that maintain the necessary services for our citizens, and who really make democracy work," Johnson said. He also argued -- and it's a valid point -- that the government did not ask for means tests when it helped businesses during the pandemic or cut corporate taxes in the hope of fueling job growth.

PBS: [Sen. Elizabeth Warren weighs in on Biden's student loan forgiveness plan](#)

According to numbers I have seen from the NAACP, Black borrowers, on average, have about \$53,000 in student debt four years out of school. So, \$20,000 in loan forgiveness, cuts the debt down to \$33,000. That's not an insignificant amount of debt to still carry.

Business Insider: ['There's no reason for him to stop here': Advocacy groups blast Biden's \\$10,000 in student-loan forgiveness and call for more](#)

NAACP President Derrick Johnson and national director of youth and college Wisdom Cole took to CNN ahead of the announcement to decry the amount of forgiveness, writing that \$50,000 or more in forgiveness "would free millions of Americans" and would "drastically reduce the racial wealth gap."

ABC News: [Black Americans have been disproportionately impacted by student loan debt: NAACP](#)

The NAACP's Wisdom Cole explains how Black Americans have higher student loan debt than their median annual income and owe almost twice as much as white counterparts four years after graduation.

US News: [Student Loan Relief Highlights Burden on Black Borrowers](#)

But more work needs to be done to make higher education accessible and affordable, said Wisdom Cole, national director of the NAACP Youth & College Division. "When we think about education and higher education, fundamentally, it's the promise of an equitable future," Cole said. "We have so many Black graduates who go through the system, graduate, and are not able to see that future because they disproportionately risk taking out loans."

Missouri Independent: [NAACP, League of Women Voters sue to block Missouri's new election law](#)

The League of Women Voters of Missouri and Missouri NAACP filed a lawsuit Monday attempting to block a wide-ranging elections bill they argue violates the right to core political speech by curtailing voter engagement.

The St. Louis American: [NAACP sues over voting rights](#)

The NAACP has long raised concerns about Missouri's efforts to implement a discriminatory voter ID law, and it is one of the reasons we have issued a travel advisory for the state. Democracy in Missouri is not a safe place for Black voters.

STATEMENTS:

- [NAACP Statement on Orange County Branch](#)
- [NAACP Defends Black Students in Lawrence County, MS Schools](#)
- [NAACP President Derrick Johnson on President Biden's Student Debt Cancellation Announcement](#)

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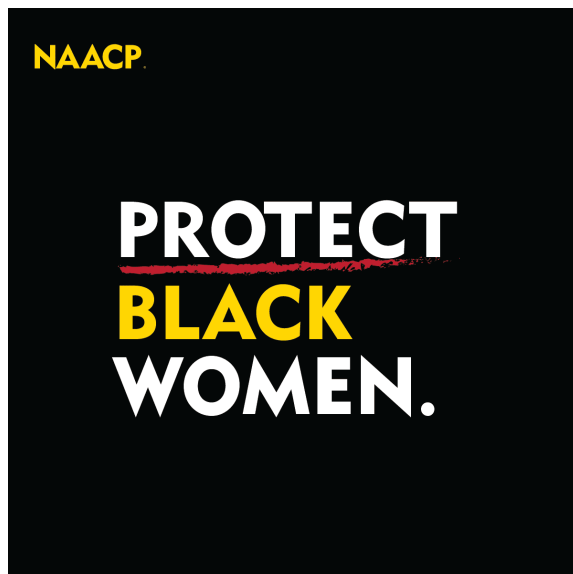


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