



**MSNBC:** [President Derrick Johnson weighs in on the #JacksonWaterCrisis with Tiffany Cross on Cross Connection](#)

President Derrick Johnson talks about the systemic issues tied to funds being mishandled. The message remains clear: the residents of Jackson, MS need clean water and they need it **right now**.

**The Hill:** [Water crisis in Jackson, Miss., raises concerns about environmental racism](#)

“That is part of planning for a climate crisis,” she said. “And so if the infrastructure is not there, and you do have those impacts of the climate crisis that are now coming to the hilt, then Black communities are now going to feel that impact.” -Abre' Conner, NAACP

**MSNBC:** [Abre' Conner and Zerlina Maxwell Discusses Infrastructure Resilience at the Federal Level](#)

Abre' Conner, Director, Environmental and Climate Justice, joins Zerlina Maxwell and delivers a pointed reminder on our country's infrastructure. “Without there being better federal oversight, better federal coordination, then we're going to continue to see more Jacksons happen across the country,” Abre' Conner said.

**NAACP:** [Hey Black America](#)

Abre' Conner, Director, Environmental and Climate Justice talks about the Jackson Water Crisis from the water treatment facilities in Jackson, MS., and the importance of exercising our vote this November.

**Bloomberg:** [Was the Climate Law a Win for Environmental Justice? It's Complicated](#)

“Justice40 in and of itself is not going to completely eradicate our climate crisis or all the environmental racism that has harmed black communities for decades and centuries,” says Abre' Conner, the NAACP's director for environmental and climate justice. “However, now that we have the Inflation Reduction Act investments, we're optimistic, and we're urging the executive branch and legislative branch to work together. Because we believe that what is happening with Justice40 already, and what potentially can happen with the IRA, will get us closer to where we need to be.”

**Sierra Club:** [Environmental Justice Advocates Respond to the Inflation Reduction Act](#)

The act includes climate and pollution project grants for communities, tax credits for wind and solar that benefit low-income areas, among other environmental justice spending. An independent analysis by the Just Solutions Collective estimates that the act offers \$47.5 billion to environmental justice priorities. Advocates say those investments are crucial to address historic inequities and unequal environmental risks. “We're cautiously optimistic because this is by far one of the largest climate investments that has come through Congress at all,” says Abre' Conner, NAACP director of environmental and climate justice.

**NAACP: [To Be Young, Black, and Employed?](#)**

NAACP's Director of Youth & College, Wisdom Cole, hosted a discussion on the state of employee opportunities and working culture, attitudes around voting, and entrepreneurship with young, Black professionals for NAACP's Labor Action Week.

**MSNBC: [Impact of Biden's Loan Plan on People of Color](#)**

NAACP's Wisdom Cole reminds viewers that student debt disproportionately affects Black Americans. "The cancellation of \$10,000 was a great start, and the real victory here was the cancellation of \$20,000 for those who are Pell Grant recipients, in which many are Black students, students who went to HBCUs, and recognizing that we still have a long way to go," Cole said.

**MSNBC: [Biden Cancels Up to \\$20k in Student Loan Debt](#)**

NAACP's Wisdom Cole and MSNBC discuss \$20,000 student loan debt cancellation announcement. "This opens the door for future cancellation because we know that this is still a severe issue along with the extension of the pause - recognizing that we can continue to have this further discussion around cancellation and its impact on Black borrowers," Cole said.

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

"We know that Black borrowers have an average of \$53,000 in student debt, and that is a greater increase in comparison to white borrowers, as well as the amount of time that that debt is held even after they graduate from college, and it's disproportionate," Wisdom Cole, national director of NAACP's Youth and College Division said. "10,000 is not enough to meet the need, but it did show us that student debt cancellation is possible. I appreciate the effort to ensure that we see cancellation in this lifetime, and so I'm glad that we were able to make this happen and look forward to further cancellation down the line."

**WURD: [Reality Check with Wisdom Cole](#)**

Wisdom Cole, National Director of NAACP's Youth & College Division joined Charles to discuss President Biden's student debt relief announcement. "We are able to see that student debt can be cancelled. This is a very significant moment - and there's much more that we're fighting for - but we have to make sure we continue these conversations with elected officials and ensure that they have not just promises, but actual plans and policies to implement to ensure we see economic relief for all," Cole said.

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## STATEMENTS:

- [NAACP President Derrick Johnson's Statement on Jackson, MS Water Crisis](#)