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**PRESIDENT BIDEN ISSUES FEDERAL DEATH ROW COMMUTATIONS**

## Here's how the NAACP showed up in the news in 2024, according to a press statement from its president and CEO, Derrick Johnson:

MSNBC: ['Extraordinary act': NAACP commends Biden for federal death row commutations](#)

President Joe Biden announced Monday that he is commuting the death sentences of 37 inmates, leaving only three people on death row in federal prisons. The NAACP's Derrick Johnson joins Morning Joe to discuss.

CNN: [NAACP CEO on Biden commutations: The death penalty is unjust](#)

VIDEO: Derrick Johnson joins The Lead

Black Voice News: [NAACP Responds to Biden Administration's Clemency Actions, Calls for Further Reform](#)

"For over fifty years, the NAACP has fought for the abolishment of the death penalty. We know that Black Americans are disproportionately targeted and often wrongfully convicted to inhumane execution by the very government tasked with upholding their life and liberty," said the NAACP.

Black Enterprise: [American Airlines Settles Racial Discrimination Lawsuit Filed By Three Black Men](#)

The NAACP was also [critical of what it described as a "pattern of discrimination"](#) in a June 2024 press release after the men initially filed a lawsuit against the airline in May.

ABC33/40: [Alabama NAACP demands answers from school board over alleged racial termination](#)

The Alabama NAACP is asking for answers from the St. Clair County Board of Education alongside minority business owner Johnny Williams. Mr. Williams provided cleaning services to the school system for 12 years. Now, he claims he was wrongfully terminated, and says it was racially motivated.

Top headlines from the year:

NBC News: [NAACP to spend \\$20 million mobilizing Black voters this fall](#)

The investment, details of which were shared first with NBC News, includes \$6 million in funds for local NAACP chapters and partners, \$1 million for polling and research, and \$1.4 million for texting outreach. In seven key battleground states — Arizona, North Carolina, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Georgia — the NAACP will spend \$3 million on radio ads in Black communities and \$2 million on mailings aimed at pushing voters to the polls.

Bloomberg: [Civil Rights Leader NAACP Dives Into Investing With New Fund](#)

"Right now, deeply entrenched systemic barriers are curtailing the innovative progress necessary to breed healthy competition in a global economy," NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson said in the statement. "We're seeking to change that."

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AdAge: [NAACP Calls Out Racial Justice Supporters Who Went Silent After 2020](#)

The ad is intended to reach a new generation of donors and calls out those who temporarily supported the NAACP four years ago. Two in three donors from 2020 have not returned to support the NAACP, according to the organization.

AP: [NAACP president urges Missouri governor to halt execution planned for next week](#)

Executing a Black man in Missouri who says he was wrongfully convicted would amount to a "horrible miscarriage of justice," the president of the NAACP said in a letter Wednesday calling on the governor to halt the execution planned for next week.

NBC News: ['I'm here to do my Black job,' NAACP president says at DNC](#)

NAACP President Derrick Johnson opened his DNC remarks with a dig at Trump's recent "Black job" comment. Melanie Campbell, president and CEO of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation said Harris' path to nomination was paved by Black women.

Chicago Tribune: [On the eve of historic DNC, Chicago named host city for NAACP's 2026 convention](#)

"As we celebrate a pivotal moment in Black history this week, we remain focused on our mission to advance Black culture and support the Black community," Derrick Johnson, NAACP president and CEO, said in a news release. "Chicago sits at the intersection of Black history, and Black future."

NBC News: [Biden appeals to Black voters at NAACP convention](#)

President Biden hit the campaign trail in Nevada, a crucial swing state where he appealed to Black voters at the NAACP convention in Las Vegas. Some Democrats in Congress are still trying to persuade him to abandon his campaign. But in an interview with NBC News' Lester Holt, the president said he would continue his effort to win a second term. NBC News' Gabe Gutierrez reports.

The Hill: [Skip the lectures: Black voters would rather be heard](#)

Where do we go from here? The fight for freedom and democracy is nothing new to the NAACP. For over a century, we have worked in communities, and with Congress and the White House, to ensure the protection and advancement of Black America. And we're not stopping now.

BET: [Opinion: Black Men Do Vote. But Does America Listen?](#)

Derrick Johnson, NAACP President, challenges the false narrative that Black men are disengaged, spotlighting their crucial role in elections and the relentless fight against voter suppression.

CNN: [Opinion: For Black college athletes, this is the bus boycott of our era](#)

It's hard to overlook the fact that some colleges and universities that boast some of the most impressive records in sports — including in the marquee sports basketball and football, along with athletics — are located in some states that have been [most aggressive in dismantling initiatives](#) intended to reverse decades of racial bias and discrimination.

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MSNBC: [President and CEO Derrick Johnson on Election 2024 and Reports of Racist Text Messages](#)

VIDEO: NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson joins MSNBC'S "Morning Joe" on November 8, 2024 to discuss the racist messages Black Americans are receiving in the wake of the 2024 election results and the broken campaign business model that's impacting Black voters' engagement.

Forbes: ['Beyond The Gates', The Upcoming CBS Daytime Drama, To Launch Monday, February 24, 2025](#)

Beyond the Gates is developed and produced by the CBS Studios/NAACP Venture, led by Sheila Ducksworth, in partnership with P&G Studios, a division of Procter & Gamble. Michele Val Jean is the creator, executive producer and showrunner alongside executive producers Sheila Ducksworth, Robert Guza Jr., Julie Carruthers, Leon W. Russell, Derrick Johnson, Kimberly Doebereiner and Anna Saalfeld.

BET: [2024 NAACP Image Awards: This Year's Awards Ceremony Will Be The Talk of the Town](#)

Actress Phylicia Pearl Mpasi and Derrick Johnson, President and CEO of the NAACP, discussed the importance of the award show with BET.

AP: [Restrictions on absentee ballot help in Alabama are being challenged in a lawsuit](#)

The Alabama State Conference of the NAACP, the League of Women Voters, and other groups are plaintiffs in the lawsuit filed in federal court. They say the statute disenfranchises voters, including senior citizens and disabled voters, who may need assistance in the absentee voting process.

Reuters: [Exclusive: NAACP asks Biden to halt weapons to Israel as he seeks to shore up Black voter support](#)

The NAACP urged [President Joe Biden](#) on Thursday to "indefinitely" halt all weapons deliveries to Israel and pressure the U.S. ally to end its [war in the Gaza Strip](#), sending a reminder that his support for Israel could hurt him among Black voters in [November's election](#)

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