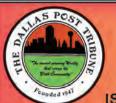
## "HAPPY EASTER"!



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"Get in good trouble, necessary trouble, and help redeem the soul of America." - Congressman John Lewis

## GOP Votes to Cut Medicaid, **Feed Billionaires**

By Stacy M. Brown BlackPressUSA.com Senior National Correspondent



Folder with paper text MEDICAID, on a table with a stethoscope and medical masks, medical (Photo by **Iryna Drozd**)

slashes vital programs like Medicaid and child nutrition assistance to help fund an extension of the 2017 Trump tax law. According to a new congressional estimate, this move will cost as much as \$5.5 trillion over the next decade when factoring in interest. The plan, backed by House GOP members, would extend tax breaks overwhelmingly benefiting the wealthy and large corporations. Despite claims from

tion (JCT) and Congressional Budget Office (CBO) now project a staggering long-term price tag: \$4.6 trillion without interest and \$5.5 trillion, including debt service costs over the next 10 years. According to the JCT estimate, the permanent extension includes maintaining the Trump-era income tax rate brackets, boosting standard deductions, and preserving other business-friendly tax provisions like 100 percent

visions—would drain \$3.8 trillion from the federal budget over the next decade. Business tax cuts would add another \$832 billion to the deficit. Meanwhile, rising debt interest costs tied to the extensions would increase outlays by over \$871 billion.

Senate Finance Committee Chair Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.), House Ways and Means Committee Ranking Member Richard Neal (D-

House Republicans on Republican senators that the bonus depreciation. The Mass.), and Rep. Brendan Thursday approved a cost would be offset, the costliest element—extend- Boyle (D-Pa.) requested the budget blueprint that Joint Committee on Taxa- ing individual tax pro- estimate to expose what Democrats have called a fiscally irresponsible giveaway to billionaires at the expense of working families. "The country is rapidly undergoing intensifying economic crisis created by Trump and Congressional Republicans, and the only legislative solution they've put forward is to double down on tax cuts for billionaires while eliminating health care access

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## National Newspaper **Publishers Association: BLACK PRESS OF AMERICA**



## Target Reels from Boycotts, **Employee Revolt, and Massive Losses as Activists Plot Next Moves**

By Stacy M. Brown

BlackPressUSA.com Senior National Correspondent

Target is spiraling as consumer boycotts intensify, workers push to unionize, and the company faces mounting financial losses following its rollback of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives. With foot traffic plummeting, stock prices at a five-year low, and employee discontent boiling over, national civil rights leaders and

grassroots organizers are vowing to escalate pressure in the weeks ahead. Led by Georgia pastor Rev. Jamal Bryant, a 40-day "Targetfast" aligned with the Lenten season continues to gain traction. "This is about holding companies accountable for abandoning progress," Bryant said, as the

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# Homegoing Celebration

## Missionary Catherine Jones Graham

Missionary Catherine Jones Graham, 92, was born on August 27, 1932, in Fairfield, Freestone County, Texas, to Freeman Jones and Lucille Mims-Jones. She peacefully transitioned to her heavenly home on Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

Catherine was preceded in death by her parents, Freeman Jones and Lucille Mims-Jones; brother, Richard Jones; three sisters, Ezra Lee Jones, Lavada English, and Janette Nolan; her eldest son, Leonard Dewayne Jones; stepmother, Lula Jones; stepsister, Leola Johnson; and stepbrother, George Williams Jr.

A woman of deep faith, wisdom, and compassion, Missionary Catherine Jones Graham served her church

and community for many years. As an ordained missionary, she was not only a dedicated Sunday school teacher but also an active member of the Outreach Ministry, where she went into the community to witness, pray, and share God's love. Her ministry extended to visiting the sick, comforting families in times of grief, and offering prayers

for healing and strength. She was also a member of the choir and served on the Mothers' Board as a mentor and spiritual guide, where she became affectionately known as "Mother Graham"—a title that reflected the love, respect, and wisdom she imparted to all who knew her.

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Missionary Catherine Jones Graham Sunrise: August 27, 1932 Sunset: April 1, 2025





## RELIGIOUS/NEWS

## The Foundation of Biblical Faith

Hebrews 11:1-3



The grand writer of the book of Hebrews has given a superb exposition that exalted the Person and Work of Jesus Christ. This superb exposition was essential because some of his Jewish audience were in danger of abandoning their faith in Christ and reverting to Judaism. It was the author's crucial intention to present to his audience that Jesus Christ is Superior to anything that Judaism has to offer.

He demonstrated unequivocally that Christ is Superior to the Prophet (Hebrews 1:1-4) because Christ is the Finality of God's Revelation; Christ is Superior to Angels (Hebrews 1:5-2:18) because Angels were created by Him; Christ is Superior to Moses (Hebrews 3:1-6) because Moses was just a servant in the house, but Christ was over the house; Christ has a Superior Priesthood because the Aaronic succession of Priests died but Christ's Priesthood is Eternal.

In the previous warning section, the writer discussed the theme of living by faith in Hebrews 10:37-39. Brothers and Sisters, as we traverse these mundane shores of 2020, we must understand that God wants us to live by faith. Every person who has been made righteous by God must live by faith (Habakkuk 2:4, Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11, Hebrews 10:38). It is crucial that we walk by faith because Hebrews 11:6 says: "But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

Briefly in verses 1-2, the author offers to us two fundamental considerations regarding faith: I. Faith's Description - Hebrews 11:1; II. Faith Demonstrated -Hebrews 11:2.

#### I. Faith's Description – Hebrews 11:1

There are two basic considerations regarding faith: its basic nature (v. 1) and the honor associated with it (vv. 2-3). First and foremost, the author of Hebrews stresses the importance of faith to a persevering life of godliness. The author begins Chapter 11:1 by giving to us a description of biblical faith. Faith is described as the "substance (assurance, reality) of things hoped for." He emphasized that faith is the basis of one's hope to receive the eternal promises of God.

The basic meaning of the term translated "substance" is something that is set under something else to support it. It is used of a strong base or foundation that will firmly hold what is put on it so that one can have complete assurance in what it holds. Faith undergirds our hope; faith in reality, anchors our hope. Faith gives us assured confidence that what we are hoping for will be a reality. The object of our faith is God and God's promises are as sure as His Person. The "things hoped for" are things expected or looked for! There is no doubt they shall be received!

Biblical faith is complete confidence in God. No question exists as to whether God will keep all the promises in His Word! Not only is faith the "substance of things hoped for," but is the "evidence of things not seen." The term "evidence" refers to proof. Brothers and Sisters, we have proof about unseen realities because the object of our faith is God. Brothers and Sisters, we have a changeless God, and because He does not change, His promises to us do not change with time. Yes, we serve a changeless God, for Hebrews 13:8 says: "Jesus Christ, the same vesterday, and today, and for ever."

Having discussed "Faith's Description" Hebrews 11:1, now let us discuss "Faith Demonstrated - Hebrews 11:2.

#### II. Faith Demonstrated -**Hebrews 11:2-3**

The writer related to his readers that their ancestors, Israel's elders, had obtained a good report. The elders obtained God's approval because they walked by faith. God commended these elders for their walk of faith. The Old Testament patriarchs or worthies were commended for it, and it is a way of viewing all things (v. 2). Through faith, we know that this vast universe was framed by the fiat of God (v.

In conclusion, Brothers and Sisters. God has not only saved us by faith, but He wants us to walk by faith, for we walk by faith and not by sight. Now as we walk daily by faith, let us look up to Jesus, who modeled the life of faith for Hebrews 12:2 says: "Looking unto Jesus the Author and

finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right Hand of the throne of God." Jesus Christ, the Matchless Son of God; Jesus, born in Bethlehem, reared in Nazareth, One who lived an impeccable life, died on a tree of shame. On Calvary He died, but that is not the end of the gospel story; He was buried, but early Sunday morning, He rose triumphantly. And because of His triumphant Victory, we have hope and an eternal home in heaven. The hymn writer wrote: I'll Fly Away

Some glad morning when this life is over, I'll fly away. To a home on God's celestial shore,

I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, O Glory, *I'll fly away. (In the morning)* When I die, Hallelujah, bye and bye, *I'll fly away.* 

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away. To a land where joy shall never end, I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, O Glory, *I'll fly away. (In the morning)* When I die, Hallelujah, bye and bye, I'll fly away..

May God Bless!

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and food assistance for millions of Americans," said David Kass, Executive Director of Americans for Tax Fairness. "While Congressional Republicans have so

far ignored the demands of their constituents, this fight is far from over," Kass continued. "Americans will not stand by as price-gouging corporations raise their costs while billionaires amass even greater wealth.

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## MAY 3, 2025, GENERAL ELECTION CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES **COUNCIL DISTRICTS / BALLOT ORDER**

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- 2 Katrina Whatley
- 3 Chad West

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1 Jaime Resendez 2 Elizabeth Matus

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1 David Blewett

4 Tony Carrillo

8 Linus Spiller

5 Laura Cadena

**6** Machelle Wells

2 Monica R. Alonzo

3 Gabriel Kissinger

1 Jesse Moreno 2 Sukhbir Kaur

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2 Jesseca E. Lightbourne

3 Zarin Gracey

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3 Adam Bazaldua

4 Cydney Walker

5 Jose Rivas Jr Write-in Candidate

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3 Avis Hardaman

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3 Lorie Blair

4 Davante D. Peters 5 Subrina Lynn Brenham

6 Eugene Ralph

#### **Council District 9**

1 Paula C. Blackmon 2 Ernest P. Banda

Write-in Candidate

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Write-in Candidate

7 Nicolas "Nico" Quintanilla

Write-in Candidate

2 Kathy Stewart

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2 Mona Andy Elshenawy

3 Bill Roth 4 Jeff Kitner

1 Paul E. Ridley

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2 Marc Rossouw 3 Jose Cavazos

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1 Diane Benjamin

2 Gay Donnell Willis

## **Council District 14**



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#### DALLAS COUNTY EARLY VOTING DATES / TIMES /LOCATIONS

\*April 22-25 Tuesday-Friday 8a.m. to 5p.m. Saturday April 26 8a.m. to 5p.m. 12p.m. to 6p.m. April 27 Sunday Monday - Tuesday April 28-29 7a.m. to 7p.m.

| VC#  | Location                            | Voting Area                  | Address                     | City             | Zip   |
|------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------|
| 0004 | Elections Training / Warehouse      | Vote Center                  | 1460 Round Table Dr         | DALLAS           | 75247 |
| 0012 | Glenn Heights Family Center         | muiltpurpose rm              | 1932 S Hampton Rd           | GLENN HEIGHTS    | 75154 |
| 0021 | Islamic Association of North Texas  | Brothers & Sisters Ent Foyer | 840 Abrams Rd               | RICHARDSON       | 75081 |
| 0022 | Vietnamese Community Center         | Front and Back Room          | 3221 Belt Line Rd           | GARLAND          | 75044 |
| 0023 | For Oak Cliff                       | Multipurpose Room            | 907 E Ledbetter Dr          | DALLAS           | 75216 |
| 0024 | North Garland Branch Library        | Program Room                 | 3845 N Garland Ave          | GARLAND          | 75040 |
| 0025 | Kiest Recreation Center             | Small Rm                     | 3081 S Hampton Rd           | DALLAS           | 75224 |
| 0029 | MLK Jr Branch Library               | Auditorium                   | 2922 MLK Jr Blvd            | DALLAS           | 75215 |
| 0030 | Northway Christian Church           | Fellowship Hall              | 7202 W Northwest Hwy        | DALLAS           | 75225 |
| 0038 | Royal Lane Baptist Church           | Vickrey Hall                 | 6707 Royal Ln               | DALLAS           | 75230 |
| 0041 | Makkah Masjid IDEA                  | Back Multipurpose Room       | 3301 Buckingham Rd          | GARLAND          | 75042 |
| 0043 | Ministerios Charisma                | Large Side Room              | 740 Melrose Dr              | RICHARDSON       | 75080 |
| 0049 | Dallas County Mesquite Gov Ctr      | Community RM L101            | 500 S Galloway Ave          | MESQUITE         | 75149 |
| 0050 | Dallas County Records Bld           | Lobby                        | 500 Elm St                  | DALLAS           | 75202 |
| 0051 | Addison Athletic Club               | Community Rm                 | 3900 Beltway Dr             | ADDISON          | 75001 |
| 0052 | Methodist Richardson Medical Center | Suite 100                    | 403 W. Campbell Rd          | RICHARDSON       | 75080 |
| 1022 | Oak Lawn Branch Library             | Auditorium                   | 4100 Cedar Springs Rd       | DALLAS           | 75219 |
| 1029 | Richland Campus-Dallas College      | LeCroy Center R012           | 9596 Walnut St              | DALLAS           | 75243 |
| 1052 | Lochwood Branch Library             | Black Box Theater            | 11221 Lochwood Blvd         | DALLAS           | 75218 |
| 1071 | Lakewood Branch Library             | Auditorium                   | 6121 Worth St               | DALLAS           | 75214 |
| 1074 | Samuell Grand Recreation Center     | Game Room 112                | 6200 E Grand Ave            | DALLAS           | 75223 |
| 1088 | Skyline Branch Library              | Auditorium                   | 6006 Everglade Rd           | DALLAS           | 75227 |
| 1096 | Pleasant Grove Ctr-Dallas College   | Community Room 108/109       | 802 S Buckner Blvd          | DALLAS           | 75217 |
| 1116 | Harry Stone Recreation Center       | Multi-Purpose Room 104       | 2403 Millmar Dr             | DALLAS           | 75228 |
| 1301 | Florence Recreation Center          | Event Room                   | 2501 Whitson Way            | MESQUITE         | 75150 |
| 1708 | Garland Center-Dallas College       | Conference Room A&B          | 675 W Walnut St             | GARLAND          | 75040 |
| 1723 | South Garland Branch Library        | Program Room                 | 4845 Broadway Blvd          | GARLAND          | 75043 |
| 2005 | Marsh Lane Baptist Church           | Fellowship Hall              | 10716 Marsh Ln              | DALLAS           | 75229 |
| 2052 | Fretz Park Library                  | Black Box Theater            | 6990 Belt Line Rd           | DALLAS           | 75254 |
| 2060 | Audelia Road Branch Library         | Auditorium                   | 10045 Audelia Rd            | DALLAS           | 75238 |
| 2220 | University Park UMC                 | Parlor RM 101                | 4024 Caruth Blvd            | DALLAS           | 75225 |
| 2305 | Farmers Branch Manske Library       | Community Hub                | 13613 Webb Chapel Rd        | FARMERS BRANCH   | 75234 |
| 2407 | Josey Ranch Lake Library            | Meeting Room 150             | 1700 Keller Springs Rd      | CARROLLTON       | 75006 |
| 2604 | Valley Ranch Library                | Meeting Room                 | 401 Cimarron Trl            | IRVING           | 75063 |
| 2805 | Coppell Town Center                 | Atrium                       | 255 E Parkway Blvd          | COPPELL          | 75019 |
| 2927 |                                     | Room C & D                   | 5300 Main St                | ROWLETT          | 75088 |
|      | Rowlett Community Centre            |                              |                             |                  |       |
| 2941 | Sachse City Hall                    | Courtroom                    | 3815-B Sachse Rd            | SACHSE<br>DALLAS | 75048 |
| 3043 | Paul L Dunbar Library               | Auditorium                   | 2008 E Kiest Blvd           |                  | 75216 |
| 3064 | Friendship West Baptist Church      | Banquet Hall Foyer           | 2020 W Wheatland Rd         | DALLAS           | 75232 |
| 3073 | Highland Hills Library              | Auditorium                   | 6200 Bonnie View Rd         | DALLAS           | 75241 |
| 3106 | A E Sims Cedar Hill Rec Center      | Bluebonnet Room              | 310 E Parkerville Rd        | CEDAR HILL       | 75104 |
| 3202 | Duncanville Library                 | Meeting Rms 1-3              | 201 James Collins Blvd      | DUNCANVILLE      | 75116 |
| 3400 | Balch Springs Civic Center          | Big Room Area                | 12400 Elam Rd               | BALCH SPRINGS    | 75180 |
| 3500 | Sunnyvale Town Hall                 | Council Chambers             | 127 N Collins Rd            | SUNNYVALE        | 75182 |
| 3605 | Disciple Central Comm Church        | Sanctuary                    | 901 N Polk St               | DESOTO           | 75115 |
| 3809 | Lancaster Veterans Memorial Library | Meeting Room                 | 1600 Veterans Memorial Pkwy | LANCASTER        | 75134 |
| 3921 | Seagoville City Hall                | Foyer                        | 702 N Hwy 175               | SEAGOVILLE       | 75159 |
| 3940 | Wilmer Community Center             | Main Room                    | 101 Davidson Plz            | WILMER           | 75172 |
| 3950 | Hutchins City Hall                  | Council Chambers             | 321 N Main St               | HUTCHINS         | 75141 |
| 4029 | West Dallas Center-Dallas College   | Room 141/142                 | 3330 N Hampton Rd           | DALLAS           | 75212 |
| 1050 | Mountain Creek Library              | Auditorium                   | 6102 Mountain Creek Pkwy    | DALLAS           | 75249 |
| 4064 | Martin Weiss Recreation Center      | Large Room                   | 1111 Martindell Ave         | DALLAS           | 75211 |
| 4071 | Oak Cliff Government Center         | Main Lobby                   | 702 E Jefferson Blvd        | DALLAS           | 75203 |
| 4081 | Jaycee Zaragoza Recreation Center   | Area in Lobby/Hallway        | 3114 Clymer St              | DALLAS           | 75212 |
| 4086 | Grauwyler Park Recreation Center    | Room A                       | 7780 Harry Hines Blvd       | DALLAS           | 75235 |
| 4113 | Mountain View Campus-Dallas College | E. Bldg., East Foyer         | 4849 W Illinois Ave         | DALLAS           | 75211 |
| 4502 | Betty Warmack Library               | Empower Room                 | 760 Bardin Rd               | GRAND PRAIRIE    | 75052 |
| 4514 | The Summit                          | Ballroom 1                   | 2975 Esplanade Dr           | GRAND PRAIRIE    | 75052 |
| 4516 | Crosswinds High School              | Room 104                     | 1100 N Carrier Pkwy         | GRAND PRAIRIE    | 75050 |
| 4607 | Irving City Hall                    | Main Lobby                   | 825 W Irving Blvd           | IRVING           | 75060 |
| 4642 | Irving Arts Center                  | Suite 200                    | 3333 N Macarthur Blvd       | IRVING           | 75062 |

Dallas County Early voting and Election Day locations:

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https://www.dallascountyvotes.org/voters/election/may-3-2025-joint-special-election/

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\*Note for Early Voting: Because Monday, April 21, 2025, is San Jacinto Day, which is a legal holiday, early voting will not be conducted on this date.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE: Bilierae Johnson (214) 670-5654 or Miroslava Martinez (214) 670-3809

#### ~ DOCTOR'S ORDERS ~ (Solution, will appear on page 5, April 24)

\_ Hot, pain relief patch

53. Popular PBS science show

55. Letters of distress 57. \*Stitches

61. \*Perpetual illness

68. Branch of economics

73. Born, in society pages

65. Offer two cents

69. Sega hedgehog

70. Bubble maker

72. December stone

74. Rental agreement

71. Be of use

10. Cocovam

12. Major employer

Irving Arts Center

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9. Deity, in Sanskrit 13. \_\_\_\_-under, pl. 14. Lysergic acid diethylamide 15. Support person

16. Fictional professor Lupin's first name 17. Snoop

18. Computer accessory 19. \*Pill alternative 21. \*Medical care 23. Use eyes

24. Slap on 25. Hot beverage amount 28. Tear down 30. \*Tissue testing 35. Smell 37. Gardener's storage 39. Shipping box

40. Eight furlongs 41. Subject matter 43. Square footage 44. Like some towelettes

52. "Silent Spring" subject

50. Enthusiasm

46. Russian ruler, once 47. Pasturelands 48. Acted

DOWN 1. Rigid necklace 2. Eye's middle layer 3. Short-term employee 4. \*Hernia support 5. Surgeon General, in relation to warning on smoking 6. Other than what's implied 7. \*5 cc, for short 8. Adytum, pl. 9. Mendelsohn on "The New Look"

11. Julia Louis-Dreyfus' HBO role

15. Pertaining to amoebae 20. Minimum

22. Busy airport \_\_ blue \_ \_, to Baby Beluga 25. French WWI battle site 26. Expression 27. \*Disease once alleviated with iron

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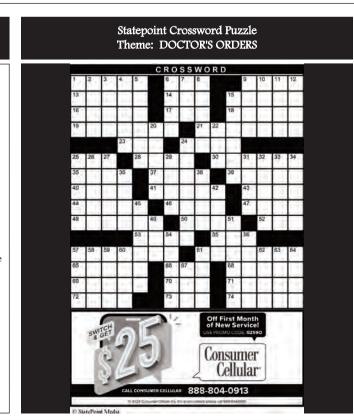
34. Leavening agent 36. \*Bed \_ 38. Obsolescent phone feature 42. Violent collision 45. Hedgehog-like Madagascar native

49. Anonymous John 51. \*Like 97 to 99 degrees 54. "Peace" with fingers (2 words) 56. Wine from Verona

57. Average

67. Pool tool

58. Fairytale's second word? 59. Like Elton John's Dancer 60. Type of operating system 61. Inflorescence 62. March Madness org. 63. Part of #2 Down 64. His was a merry old soul





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## CLASSIFIEDS/NEWS

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**NEWS** 

City of Wilmer Statement on Wilmer-**Hutchins High School Shooting** 

The City of Wilmer Mayor and City Council are devastated to learn of the shooting that took place today at Wilmer-Hutchins High School. While this tragic event occurred outside of our city limits, many of our families, friends, and neighbors are directly impacted, and our hearts go out to them.

We are keeping the injured students, their families, and the entire Wilmer-Hutchins community in our prayers as they navigate this difficult time. We also extend our gratitude to the first responders and school personnel whose swift actions helped secure the campus and provide emergency care.

This incident serves as a heartbreaking reminder of the work still ahead to ensure our schools remain places of safety and learning. We stand in solidarity with Hutchins, Dallas ISD, and everyone affected by today's tragedy.

We ask all Wilmer residents to join us in supporting our neighboring community during this time of healing and reflection.

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Quinn Minute

## Have people improved?

By Rix Quinn

#### Have people evolved much?

We humans possess remarkable powers. We can walk, run, swim, and even fly (if we hold a boarding pass). Other creatures aren't so adaptable.

Fish can swim, but walk poorly. Birds can fly, but often misjudge altitude, and end up as hood orna-

Some snakes can squeeze you to death...but who wants an affectionate reptile? Bears possess power, but hibernate all winter, and miss some great parties.

Rabbits multiply quickly, but can't understand other math. Amoebas divide, but separate from their better

Beavers build constantly, but live a dam hard life. Wild pigs are unpredictable, and can boar you senseless. Turtles appear gentle, but rarely come out of their shells.

However, animals can learn by trial-and-error.

Scientists discovered that many beasts can master complicated tricks if rewarded with food. I also love to be rewarded with food, and have personally mastered many complicated recipes.

Over the centuries, folks have sur-

vived with intellect, ingenuity, and improvisation.

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Friday, Apr. 18

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Wednesday, Apr. 23



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# What is Jackie Robinson Day around Major League Baseball and why is it always on April 15?

By BETH HARRIS /AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jackie Robinson's legacy is being celebrated around the major leagues on Tuesday, with the day named for the first Black baseball player of the modern era and marking the 78th anniversary of his debut for the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Robinson's historic achievement preceded President Harry S. Truman's desegregation of the military in 1948. Robinson served in the Army for two years before his pro baseball career.

He made a cultural impact not only through his success on the field. His

character and his belief in nonviolence in the face of harassment by fans and racist attitudes among some of his fellow players won Robinson widespread respect and admiration. After his career ended, Robinson campaigned for civil rights, was active in politics and spoke out about baseball's lack of minority managers and personnel at MLB head-quarters.

"I'm not concerned with your liking or disliking me," he said. "All I ask is that you respect me as a human being."

On opening day this year,

6.2% of MLB players were Black, up from 6% in 2024 and the first year-over-year improvement since 2018, according to MLB.com.

## What is Jackie Robinson Day?

It's the day every year that Major League Baseball honors Robinson. His debut on April 15, 1947, ended 80 years of segregation in the sport. It's celebrated at every major league park hosting games that day. It was first held in 2004.

## Who was Jackie Robinson?

Jack Roosevelt Robinson broke baseball's color line

when he started at first base for the Brooklyn Dodgers at the relatively advanced age of 28. Until the team signed him, Black players had been relegated to the Negro Leagues since the 1880s.

Born in Georgia, Robinson grew up in Pasadena, California, where his family encountered racism and his brother, Mack, could only find work as a street sweeper after winning a silver medal behind Jesse Owens in the 200 meters at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Robinson participated in football, baseball, basketball and track at Pasadena

Junior College and UCLA, where he became a star football player for the Bruins. Robinson's name and likeness now adorns various sites around Pasadena, including the historic Rose Bowl.

He played 10 years with the Dodgers, earning the Rookie of the Year award in 1947, was a six-time All-Star and became the first Black player to win National League Most Valuable Player award in 1949. He played in six World Series and contributed to the Dodgers' 1955 championship team. He was inducted into baseball's Hall of Fame in 1962, his first year of eligibility. Robinson died at age 53 of a heart attack in 1972. He's buried at Cypress Hills Cemetery in Brooklyn. Why was Robinson in the

news recently?
A Department of Defense webpage describing Robinson's military service was restored last month after it was missing. Pages honoring a Black Medal of Honor winner and Japanese American service members were

taken down, which the Pentagon said was a mistake. The Defense Department has been removing online content singling out contributions by women and minority groups, which President Donald Trump's administration considers to be diversity, equity and inclusion.

## Why are all players wearing No. 42?

Robinson wore No. 42 during his playing days with the Dodgers. In 2009, every player, manager and coach began wearing the number to honor Robinson, which can make identifying them confusing. The umpires also wear the number, the only one universally retired by all major league teams.

## Why is Jackie Robinson Day on April 15?

The date marks the anniversary of Robinson's debut in 1947. It was also opening day in baseball that season. He started at first base and went 0 for 3, but reached base on an error and scored the winning run in a 5-3 victory over the Boston Braves in Brooklyn.

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campaign encourages consumers to shop elsewhere. Groups like the NAACP, the National Newspaper Publishers Association, and The People's Union USA are amplifying the effort, organizing mass boycotts and strategic buying initiatives to target what they call corporate surrender to bigotry.

Meanwhile, Target's workforce is in an open revolt. On Reddit, self-identified employees described mass resignations, frustration with meager pay raises, and growing calls to unionize. "We've had six people give their two-week notices," one worker wrote. "A rogue team member gathered us in the back room and started talking about forming a

union." Others echoed the sentiment, with users posting messages like, "We've been talking about forming a union at my store too," and "Good on them for trying to organize—it needs to happen." Target's problems aren't just anecdotal. The numbers reflect a company in crisis. The retail giant has logged 10 straight weeks of falling in-store traffic. In February, foot traffic dropped 9% year-over-year, including a 9.5% plunge on February 28 during the 24-hour "economic blackout" boycott organized by The People's Union USA. March saw a 6.5% decline compared to the previous year. Operating income fell 21% in the most recent quarter, and the company's stock (TGT) opened at just \$94 on April 14, down

from \$142 in January before the DEI cuts and subsequent backlash. The economic backlash is growing louder online, too.

"We are still boycotting Target due to them bending to bigotry by eroding their DEI programs," posted the activist group We Are Somebody on April 14. "Target stock has gone down, and their projections remain flat. DEI was good for business. Do the right thing." Former congresswoman Nina Turner, a senior fellow at The New School's Institute on Race. Power and Political Economy, wrote, "Boycotts are effective. Boycotts must have a demand. We will continue to boycott until our demands are met." More action is on the horizon. Another Target boy-

cott is scheduled for June

3–9, part of a broader campaign targeting corporations that have abandoned DEI initiatives under pressure from right-wing politics and recent executive orders by President Donald Trump. The People's Union USA, which led the February 28 boycott, has already launched similar weeklong actions against Walmart and announced upcoming boycotts of Amazon (May 6-12), Walmart again (May 20-26), and McDonald's (June 24mind them that this country does not belong to the elite, it belongs to the people." As for Target, its top executives continue to downplay the damage. During a recent earnings call, Chief Financial Officer Jim Lee described the outlook for 2025 as uncertain, citing the "ripple" effects of tariffs and a wide range of possible outcomes. "We're going to be focusing on controlling what we can control," Lee said. But discontent is spreading internally. A Reddit post from a worker claimed, "The HR rep is doing his best to stop the bleeding, but all he did was put a Bluey band-aid on what is essentially a severed limb."

Several employees criticized the company's internal rewards system,

"Bullseye Bucks," for offering what amounts to play money. "Can't pay rent or buy food with Bullseye Bucks," one wrote. Others urged their colleagues to join unionizing efforts. "Imagine how much Target would lose their mind if they were under a union contract," one team leader wrote. "It needs to happen at this point." One former manager said they left the company after an insulting raise. "Quit last year when they gave me a 28-cent raise. Best decision I've ever made." From store floors to boardrooms, the pressure is growing on Target. And as calls for justice, equity, and worker rights get louder, one worker put it plainly: "We're all screwed-unless we fight back."

30). The organization's founder, John Schwarz, said the goal is nothing short of shifting the economic power balance.

"We are going to remind them who has the power," Schwarz said.

"For one day, we turn it off. For one day, we shut it down. For one day, we re-







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# Saying The Same Things Over Again Until The American People Believe Them

By James B Ewers Jr. Ed.D



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The iconic African American poet, James Baldwin once said, "I don't believe what you say because I see what you do." Overtime, this expression has probably resonated with many of us.

In your job, your supervisor says to you great job and we want to keep you in our company. However, all the while, you never get a raise.

A college recruiter tells a prospective student that they have excellent grades, test scores and letters of recommendation. However, they never receive a scholarship offer from the college.

Your drama teacher tells you how well you are reading your lines and acting out your role in the play. However, you never get the opportunity to have a lead role.

The essence of these sce-

narios is a lot of talking and not much doing. It is simply word salad without the dressing.

We must choose who we are around and the messages we are hearing. Immediately after the November election, the incoming president declared that America would be on a better path because of him.

He said that he would create jobs for the American people. The president made bold statements about how prosperity would rule the day.

Well that's not the case. Since he has been in the president's chair, thousands of people have lost their jobs. They have either been fired or coerced into taking a buyout which has rendered them unemployed.

During his campaign, he issued a strong immigration stance which was to deport those not having their papers in order. On the face of it, that sounded reasonable. Well, what he said and what he did were two different things. He is expelling any and everyone for what are bogus and questionable charges.

Because of it, families are being torn apart. Children are missing their mothers and fathers because they are being taken illegally and placed in holding cells.

This level of inhumanity and insensitivity is simply unimaginable. Respect and the rule of law have now disappeared from the current administration's handbook. We are in a moral and social justice crisis.

The new group in DC believes in education, however it is selective education. Research monies have now been stripped from the budgets of colleges and universities across the nation.

Make America Great Again has been the catchy phrase for this president. Everywhere you go, you see it emblazoned on hats, ties and T-shirts.

Crowds are cheering as this message is placed on screens and videos. Hold on, wait a minute a lyric made popular by Bruno Mars rings true here. Don't be fooled and

have the wool pulled over your eyes by this expression. America is a great country, and it has nothing to do with what this new administration is saying.

Interestingly, the same folks who are mouthing these words are the same folks who have lost their jobs because of him. These are the same folks who can't buy enough groceries because the prices are too high.

Let's not stop there. These are the same voters who won't be able to send their children to college because of the dismantling of the Department of Education. You can't buy a car because of high tariffs for the parts and the costs are being passed on to the consumers.

Democrats, Republicans and Independents who believe America is in trouble must now join forces to stop the slide.

Senator Cory Booker, Democrat from New Jersey gave an impassioned speech recently imploring his colleagues to help stop America's meltdown.

Reports say it was the longest recorded speech in US Senate history. He said, "These are not normal times in our nation. The threats to the American people and American democracy are grave and urgent, and we all must do more to stand against them."

Do you think it's time to stand up? The answer is yes.

Are You Raising One of the Next Generation of Hoodlums?

## WAKE UP, PARENTS!

By: **Dr. Joyce Teal** 



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For more than a decade, the Schott Foundation for Public Education has published data on the outcomes for Black males in public education. During that period, there has definitely been an increased awareness of the issues and opportunities confronting Black males. There have been more national, state and local commissions formed, philanthropic dollars invested, programs developed and documentaries produced—all of which can be viewed as worthy

investments. Without these, it is very unlikely that any progress would have been made.

Despite these efforts,

there is yet urgency at the current time. Their report on Public Education and Black Males data indicates nationally the gap between the Black and White male graduation rate. It has only decreased less than five percentage points in the last several years. At this rate of progress, with no "large scale" systemic intervention, it would take another 50 years to close the graduation gap between Black males and their White male counterparts.

You are making a BIG mistake if you become concerned about this only after your son reaches high school or even middle school and is doing poorly. Your concern and involvement from day ONE are necessary. Start

early in your son's life to encourage him for future success.

Too frequently parents have expressed their concern when their sons' do poorly in middle and/or high school. But the fact of the matter is, if a child has failed to get the foundation, the necessary building blocks in elementary school, chances are slim that he will be successful at a higher level that requires the missing foundation.

I can state unequivocally as a retired educator who has interacted with children in excess of more than 20 years, that most children are extremely intelligent, but it is a parents' responsibility to assist their children to develop their intelligence.

Parents must make the effort to help him to complete his class projects. You must ask him about

his homework assignments and ascertain the necessity to check them so that he knows that your expectation is that he will always complete them at a high level. When you do these things throughout your son's early years, he will have the expectation that you care enough to be involved in his life. And your caring is transmitted to him as love, which it is.

A son who knows that he is loved and that his parents are concerned and have the expectation that he will do well, will make the effort to not disappoint his parent(s). In fact, your love, concern and involvement are the most powerful motivation you can provide for your son's success. Know that YOU are THE key factor in your son's desire to succeed!

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## **State Representative Yvonne Davis** honors Duncanville Boys **Basketball Team**



The Duncanville High School boys basketball team was recently honored with House Resolution No. 648 for their achievement in winning the 2025 UIL 6A Division 1 State Championship by Representative Yvonne Davis and the Texas House of Representatives. Representative Davis (District 111) is pictured with the team and coaches at the State Capitol. Also pictured are Representative Josey Gracia (San Antonio) and Representative Christian Manuel (Beaumont).

## Confederates Whistle Dixie Tunes and Black MAGA Applauds

By Stacy M. Brown BlackPressUSA.com Senior National Correspondent



This compelling photograph captures the essence of American democracy with a captivating view of the White House in the background, framed by a row of American flags in the foreground. The flags, symbolizing the nation's unity and resilience, stand proudly in front of one of the most iconic landmarks in the United States. (Photo by Castle City Creative)

In Donald Trump's second term, the faces of compliance are no longer just white. They include Black MAGA supporters who've chosen silence even solidarity—as racism escalates from campaign rhetoric to federal policy. When Trump returned to the White House, he did so with a platform not just soaked in bigotry but engineered to roll back civil rights and diversity efforts on every front. And while his white

Michelle Obama: 'I'm Not Divorcing

**Barack** — I'm Choosing Me'

By Stacy M. Brown BlackPressUSA.com Senior National Correspondent

base cheered, many of his Black allies—those donning MAGA hats and taking up seats on the frontlines of his rallies—chose loyalty over principle, muting themselves as a wave of white nationalist policymaking targets their communities.

Their silence began long before Inauguration Day. During the 2024 campaign, Trump's Madison Square Garden rally drew fire after

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Michelle Obama in 2023 (Wikimedia Commons / Photo by **Armando Tinoco**)

record straight about her marriage, brushing off rumors of a split from former President Barack Obama and calling out the sexist assumptions that fueled them. In part two of her appearance on the "Work in Progress" podcast hosted by Sophia Bush, Michelle Obama addressed the online speculation ramped up earlier this year when Barack Obama appeared alone at several high-profile events, including the funeral for former

Former First Lady Mi- President Jimmy Carter doesn't fit into the stereohelle Obama is setting the and the inauguration of type of what people think Donald Trump. Critics quickly jumped to conclusions, but Michelle Obama made it clear that her choices had nothing to do with marital discord. "This year people couldn't even fathom that I was making a choice for myself," Obama said. "They had to assume that my husband and I are divorcing. This couldn't be a grown woman just making a set of decisions for herself, right?"

She added, "That's what society does to us. We start,

actually, finally going. What am I doing? Who am I doing this for?' And if it we should do, then it gets labeled as something negative and horrible." The bestselling author and former First Lady, who spent eight years in the White House without scandal—unless one counts Barack Obama's infamous tan suit—said her efforts to make room for her voice and decisions have often been misinterpreted. "I feel like it's time for me to make some big girl decisions about my life and own it fully," she said.

"Because if not now, when? What am I waiting for? Look, the summers are—we're in the summer countdown at 61, right? It's not so tragic if something happens to you and you're 80. So now is the time for me to start asking myself these hard questions of who I truly want to be every day?" Michelle also spoke about the discomfort women often feel when asserting themselves. "When I say 'no,' for the most part, people are like, 'I get it,' and I'm OK," she said. "That's the thing that we, as women, I think we struggle with — disappointing people."

Despite the rumor mill, the Obamas have continued to share affectionate public messages. On Valentine's Day, Barack posted a photo with Michelle, writing, "Thirtytwo years together, and you still take my breath away." Michelle echoed the sentiment in her post: "If there's one person I can always count on, it's you, @BarackObama. You're my rock. Always have been. Always will be." The couple met in 1988 at a Chicago law firm. Michelle, a 25-year-old Harvard Law graduate, was assigned to mentor Barack, then a summer asso-

ciate finishing law school. They married in 1992 and have two daughters, Malia, 26, and Sasha, 23. Many on social media, especially in Black communities, were quick to ridicule the divorce rumors, pointing out that the Obamas — whose biggest scandal was wearing a tan suit — are still treated with more suspicion than Donald Trump, a twice-impeached and 34-time convicted felon who routinely is ensconced in scandals. "This couldn't be a grown woman just making a set of decisions for herself, right?" Michelle Obama said.

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Outside the church, Catherine worked tirelessly to care for her family. She attended night school to become a certified nursing assistant (CNA) and worked in nursing homes, later transitioning into a career that better supported her family. However, her heart for helping others never wavered.

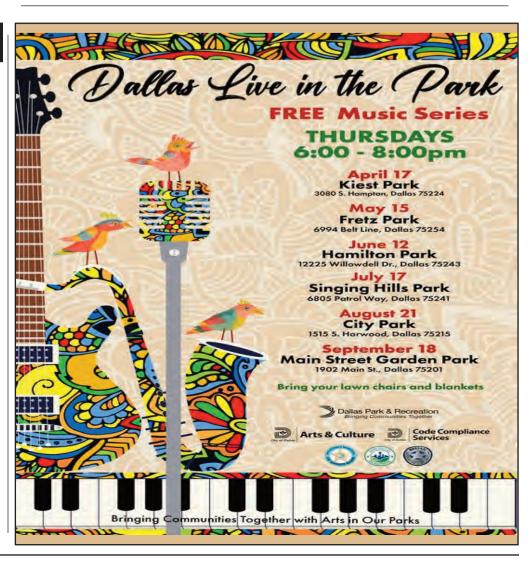
Her favorite Bible verse, Ephesians 1:17-18, encapsulated her life's mission: to help others gain understanding, walk in the light, and discover the hope and calling that God placed on their lives. She didn't just speak of her faith—she lived it, one prayer, one visit, and one word of wisdom at a time.

Catherine's legacy lives on in the hearts of those she leaves behind: her children, Thurman R. Jones, Rickey Britton (wife, Tammy Coney), Michael Britton, Frieda Britton Porter (husband, James Porter), and Cynthia Britton Yates. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Loleta Wallace, Brandy Jones (husband, Bennie West), Monique Jennings, Ryan Porter (wife, Melody), Trey Scott (wife, Monika), and Amber Ford (hus-

band, Damon Evans). Her great-grandchildren include Lelani Wallace, Tristen Wallace, Blair Wallace, Brenyae West, Brennen West, Hailey Ernest, Ryan Porter II, Adryan Chrystian Guzman, Guzman, Diontae Scott, Damonate Scott, Lauryn Scott, Sydney Scott, Sophia Scott, Savannah Scott, Mariah Evans, and Isiah Evans.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt "Special Thanks" to the extended family, friends, and prayer warriors who cared for Missionary Catherine Jones Graham during her time of need.

May God's blessings rain down upon you all.



## African Americans, Blacks, and Hands Off Protests

By: **Dr. John E. Warren**, Publisher San Diego Voice & Viewpoint Newspaper



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With the thousands of "Hands Off" demonstrations taking place daily throughout American cities and communities, it is disheartening to hear that a large number of African Americans are either refusing to participate or complaining that they have already done enough with the "Black Lives Matter Movement". Some are even complaining that Whites were not as supportive as many Blacks are now saying they should have been. This is obscure. If one merely reviews the footage of many of the protests following the death of George Floyd, one will see that in

some cases, White partici-

pation outnumbered Black. But none of that should be important today. The reality is that we all are and will suffer equally under the Donald Trump dismantling of America. We are all on this Ship called America, and the Ship is under attack and taking on the water of racism and authoritarianism. We can all join in and bail the waters of destruction with our presence, our voices, and our votes, or we can complain as too many are doing while the rest of us seek to save the Ship.

In case you have missed the big picture, here is what the President is doing to this Ship of State called America. He has removed most of the Inspectors Genin government agencies under the control of the Executive under Article II of the Constitution; replaced the heads of Homeland Security, the CIA, FBI, Department of Justice, Department of Defense; sought to destroy Social Security, the Department of Education, placed an incompetent as Head of the Department of Health

& Human Services leading to the growing measles outbreak in seven states and the deaths of children without offering lifesaving vaccines; cut CDC staffing; withdrawn from the World Health Organization; cut provisions of food and medicine to third world people we have helped keep alive; and worst of all, imposed the arrest and deportation of people speaking out against his policies in spite of the First Amendment guarantee under the Constitution of Freedom of Speech.

Dr. King did not allow the existence of racism to stop the Civil Rights movement, and neither can we. Our motto must become: "No permanent friends, no permanent enemies, just permanent interest". We must band together to remove from office those members of the House and Senate who have forgotten their Oath of Office and replaced it with silent allegiance to Donald Trump while he violates every Constitutional Principal possible during these First One Hundred Days because he knows a reckoning is coming if we keep up the public protest and the filing of lawsuits against every illegal action he and Elon Musk continue to take. If we must institute recalls against members of the House of Representatives and the Senate because we, America, can not wait for the Mid-Term elections, then we should use the power and energy of the Hands Off movement to initiate such action in every district where elected members refuse to carry out their constitutional duties such as taking control of tariffs as required by law; removing Elon Musk and placing the same check on the President's use and abuse of the Executive Order that Republicans attempted to place on President Obama when they sought to control his ability to carry out the duties of

Let's move from singing 'We Shall Overcome' to overcoming with our collective actions, in spite of our differences.

his Office.

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a comedian on the lineup referred to Puerto Rico as "garbage." But that wasn't the only racist moment. As Florida Rep. Byron Donalds, one of Trump's most visible Black surrogates, walked onto the stage, the campaign blasted "Dixie"—a song revered by the Confederacy and white nationalists. Donalds said nothing. And neither did the rest of Black MAGA. That same silence echoed in Springfield, Ohio, when Trump and his running mate, J.D. Vance, spread a false and racist claim that Haitian immigrants were "eating cats and dogs." The fabrication was met with horror from civil rights advocates and journalists. But Trump's Black supporters?

Not a word. Black MAGA loyalists, many of whom cite values, religion, and personal ambition as their rationale, have essentially normalized the very racism that their grandparents fought to dismantle. Pew Research shows that while only 4% of Black Americans identify as Republicans, those who do often express a belief that the GOP better represents their values—even as those values are trampled by the very administration they support. One study published in Sociological Inquiry found that Black Republicans often "reframe racism in a way that makes their alignment with white conservatives more palatable," even when it involves rationalizing policies that harm Black communities. And harm is precisely what Trump's policies are doing. Since taking office, Trump has issued a barrage of executive orders aimed at eliminating diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives across the federal government. Agencies that serve minority communities have faced massive defunding, DEI offices have been shuttered, and civil rights enforcement has all but disappeared. As noted in The Hill, the goal is not just the destruction of policy—it's

"Every act of Trump's second term has been a white-nationalist signal," wrote one analyst in The

the erasure of progress it-

American Prospect, calling MAGA an "identity movement" that champions white grievance over democratic principle. There is little space for Blackness, except as a prop. And yet, some Black Trump supporters defend the administration with defiance. One such supporter, who canvassed for Trump in 2024, told The Independent he was called the N-word by fellow conservatives. Rather than walking away, he doubled down on his allegiance. The consequences of this allegiance are becoming deadly clear. As TIME reported, nearly 20% of Trump supporters said freeing the slaves was a mistake. According to The Washington Post, support for Trump has long been fueled more by racial resentment than economic concerns, and that resentment has now translated

into policy.

A report from Press Watch concluded Trump's base continues to be driven by a desire to protect white dominance and suppress nonwhite progress, particularly through culture war battles over schools, immigration, and federal hiring. Even academic journals have noted that wearing a MAGA hat has become "a proxy for racialized identity"-an affirmation of white supremacy, no matter who's wearing it. Meanwhile, The Conversation documented how MAGA's rise has coincided with increased armed intimidation at polling places, violent rhetoric against journalists, and calls to monitor so-called "urban" neighborhoods—all with Trump's encouragement. The Black MAGA base has not only failed to object they've offered Trump moral cover. Whether out of personal ambition, political opportunity, or delusion, they've made peace with racists, while the administration they uphold works tirelessly to erase the freedoms won through generations of Black struggle. As The American Prospect put it: "Trump's MAGA identity is a movement rooted in white identity politics. That some Black Americans have chosen to stand inside of it doesn't make it less racist-it makes it more dangerous."





