

NAACP denounces remarks made by Sen. Tommy Tuberville

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The NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) have condemned remarks made by Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-AL) at a Trump rally at the weekend.

During the rally Tuberville called Democrats “soft on crime” and “pro-crime.”

“They want crime. They want crime because they want to take over what you got. They want to control what you have,” Tuberville told the crowd. “They want reparation because they think the people that do the crime are owed that. Bulls—. They are not owed that.”

NAACP president Derrick Johnson said Tuberville’s comments were flat out “racist, ignorant and utterly sickening.”

“His words promote a centuries-old lie about Black people that throughout history has resulted in the most dangerous policies and violent attacks on our community,” Johnson said.

He added, “We’ve seen this before from the far-right, and we’ve seen what they can do when they take power. Next time the Senator wants to talk about crime, he should talk about Donald Trump’s hate-fueled rally on January 6, 2021, and the attacks that followed. Perhaps the real criminals are in his orbit.”

On Monday, National Urban League President Marc H. Morial said Tuberville’s comments were “bigoted” and “stunning.” According to NBC News, Morial said every senator “must make it clear that Tuberville’s repugnant views are unacceptable and must bear no influence on public policy.”

“People of conscience can disagree on the best way to achieve economic justice after centuries of slavery, segregation, and discrimination,” Morial said in a statement. “Sen. Tuberville has disqualified himself from serious discourse by smearing in the ugliest possible terms those who pursue racial justice and those to whom justice is owed.”

Prior to getting into politics, Tuberville was a football coach at Auburn University between 1999-2008.

Morial said Tuberville’s tenure as a coach made his comments even more “heartbreaking” given his “decades of coaching Black athletes who entrusted their health, safety and futures to a man who clearly holds them in the lowest contempt.”

On Sunday, Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE) appeared on NBC News’ “Meet the Press,” where he said he would have been more “polite” than Tuberville.

When the line of questioning switched to whether Tuberville’s comments crossed a racial line, Bacon said: “I’m not going to say he’s being racist. But I wouldn’t use that language.”