

DC Mayor's Committee Recommends Removing Washington Monument, Jefferson Memorial

A Washington, D.C., committee formed by the mayor has recommended changing the names of schools and government buildings and has even called for the federal government to “remove, relocate or contextualize” a group of federal memorials and monuments, including the Washington Monument, the Jefferson Memorial and the Benjamin Franklin statue.

The DCFaces report found that the DCFACES Working Group's research showed that more than 70% of the monuments named in the District of Columbia are named for white men, many of whom were not Washington, D.C., residents.>Among the federal statues and memorials listed are:

1. Christopher Columbus: Columbus fountain.
2. Benjamin Franklin: Benjamin Franklin statue.
3. Andrew Jackson: Andrew Jackson statue.
4. Thomas Jefferson: Jefferson Memorial.
5. George Mason: George Mason Memorial.
6. Francis Griffith Newlands: Newlands Memorial Fountain.
7. Albert Pike: Albert Pike statue.
8. George Washington: Washington Monument, George Washington statue.

Reaction from Republicans was swift.

“Hey D.C.—they’re not your monuments to rename or remove,” tweeted Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ariz. “They’re America’s monuments.”

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Cotton also tweeted video of Black Lives Matter protesters harassing diners at a Washington, D.C., restaurant, calling on the mayor to focus on protecting citizens, not removing monuments.

Instead of removing monuments, D.C.'s mayor should focus on protecting citizens from harassment and threats by the liberal

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