

Protesters condemned for hanging U.S. governor's effigy from tree



Louisville, May 27 (RHC)-- Officials in the U.S. state of Kentucky have condemned the right wing protester's hanging of an effigy of Democratic Governor Andy Beshear from a tree amid the coronavirus pandemic. The anti-lockdown protesters committed the act in a protest against lockdown measures and in favor of conservative causes such as gun rights before being decried by state officials.

"It's not just the threat on his life, it's the fact that they demonstrated an act rooted in our history of racism. I've had family lynched in Kentucky," said the state's African American representative, Charles Booker, describing the measure as "vile and traumatic."

"As Kentuckians we should be able to voice our opinions without turning to hate and threats of violence. Put simply – we are and should be better than this." The move was even condemned by Republicans, including the state's senator, majority leader in the upper chamber of U.S. Congress, Mitch McConnell.

Right wing activist in the United States have been protesting against lockdown measures put in place to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic, taking the chance to further their conservative agenda.

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