



Sovereign Citizens

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Sovereign Citizen Background

The information collectively contained in the following presentation was obtained in large part from the following sources:

American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators:

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Anti-Defamation League:

<https://www.adl.org/sites/default/files/documents/assets/pdf/combating-hate/Lawless-Ones-2012-Edition-WEB-final.pdf>

Federal Bureau of Investigation:

https://archives.fbi.gov/archives/news/stories/2010/april/sovereigncitizens_041310/domestic-terrorism-the-sovereign-citizen-movement

Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers New Clerk Academy May 2018:

https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.flclerks.com/resource/resmgr/new_clerk_academy/2018_records/sovereign_citizens_managing_.pdf

Illinois Animal Welfare Federation 2017 Prairie States Conference:

<https://iawf.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/PSC%20Presentations%202017/Prairie%20States%202017%20Sovereign%20Citizen.pdf>

Southern Law Poverty Center:

<https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/ideology/sovereign-citizens-movement>

<https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/group/moorish-sovereign-citizens>

University of North Carolina School of Government:

<https://www.sog.unc.edu/sites/www.sog.unc.edu/files/reports/aojb1504.pdf>

<https://www.sog.unc.edu/sites/www.sog.unc.edu/files/Sov%20citizens%20quick%20guide%20Nov%202013.pdf>

“What’s With The Sovereign Citizen Movement?”

<https://commonplacefacts.wordpress.com/2019/03/03/sovereign-citizens/>

Western Intergovernmental Child Support Engagement Council:

<https://wicsec.org/sites/default/files/conference-materials/M18%20Sovereign%20Citizens%20and%20Child%20Support.pdf>



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Sovereign Citizen Background



1970s: Posse Comitatus – “Power of the County”

Initially aligned with anti-govt militias, white supremacists, tax protestors

Desired to “Restore the Republic” and absolve themselves of responsibility to “illegitimate” authority

Grew to wider participation – largely autonomous individuals and groups

300,000+ in US - includes multiple races, creeds, and backgrounds



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Sovereign Citizen Background

Reject U.S. citizenship – goal is to function outside of laws and regulations

Use 14th Amendment and movement from gold standard as pivotal points

Various funding and tax/debt avoidance schemes

Refer to themselves as:

State citizens

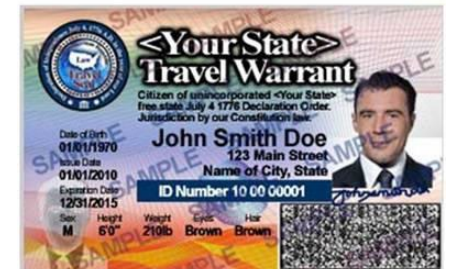
Non-resident aliens

Freeman

Constitutionalists*

Preamble citizens

Indigenous Americans



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Sovereign Citizen Background

Moorish Nation adherents are an offshoot – “Moorish Science Temple”

Refer to themselves as “Moors,” “Moorish,” or “Murrish”

Add “Ali,” “El,” “Dey,” “Bey,” and/or “Al” to last name



Often identify with “Washitaw Nation”



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Sovereign Citizen Background

Belief in “Common Law”/ “God’s law” – may not be religious in practice

Know history – out of context – and conspiracy theories

Have their own interpretations of:

Declaration of Independence

Articles of Confederation

U.S. Constitution



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Sovereign Citizen Background

Believe the federal government – and often state and local government – operates as an illegal corporation

Reject authority of government and officials

Actually anarchist in nature

De jure and de facto government

Amendments, laws, and regulations are not legitimate

State citizenship is not U.S. Citizenship



Sovereign Citizen Background

STRAWMAN concept – Government created STRAWMAN

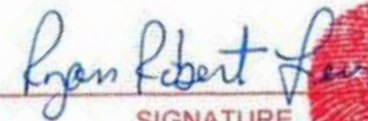
REDEMPTION: freeing oneself from the STRAWMAN by filing certain documents and gaining access to their secret “Treasury Direct Account”

NON-NEGOTIABLE CHARGE-BACK ORDER
PRIORITY EXEMPT FROM LEVY - PREPAID COMMON STOCK
OFFICE HOLDER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

I ACCEPT FOR VALUE ALL RELATED ENDORSEMENTS, PRESENTMENTS, AND FEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH UCC 3-419, HJR 192, PUBLIC LAW 73-10, AND SENATE DOCUMENT 43, 73RD CONGRESS

CHARGE MY PRIVATE PREPAID TREASURY ACCOUNT #527730662

COMMAND THE MEMORY OF: RYAN ROBERT LEVI 527-73-0662
DISCHARGE ALL PRESENTMENTS AND ZERO THE BALANCES


SIGNATURE

DATE: March 4, 2010



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Sovereign Citizen Background

STRAWMAN concept – Government created STRAWMAN entity vs. Free man

<https://youtu.be/ME7K6P7hIko>



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Sovereign Citizen Background

Through REDEMPTION, anyone can be free of:

Licenses, registrations, Social Security

Taxes

Laws and regulations

Federal, state, and local government authority



“Pay” debts with “sight drafts” and other documents from their Treasury Direct Account

And, be free to choose to enter only the “contracts” with others desired

More akin to anarchists than any other ideology



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Sovereign Citizen Background

Sovereigns are free to choose to enter only the “contracts” with others desired

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Range from peaceful nuisance to violent

Most pick and choose whatever serves their beliefs and purposes



Legal Note on Sovereigns

Possessing or expressing Sovereign Citizen ideology is protected by the **FIRST AMENDMENT** and alone does not constitute illegal activity.

However, engaging in fraudulent and unlawful activities and making threats is not protected



Sovereign Citizen Encounters

File voluminous documents with legalese sounding phrases

Sign documents with unusual signatures

Request you to sign documents or respond to complicated and rambling inquiries

Present documents that ID them as a sovereign, LEO, tribal member, or Ambassador

Include “legal” threats and or absolution based on your non-response



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Sovereign Citizen Encounters

May not move into the “well” of a court

Deny city/county/state/federal government has jurisdiction

Request to read documents/make statements

Request “Oath of Office” or “Delegation of Authority” from officials

Play word games with officials

Bring like-minded others to disrupt activity



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Sovereign Citizen “Signatures”

JOHN:DOE

SLS = Sovereign Living Soul

JohnDoe.com

TDC = Threats, deception, coercion

Authorized Signature

Under Duress

Without Prejudice 1-208

Red ink or blood fingerprints

Agent

Use of USPS stamps



Sovereign Citizen Stamps and Colors

Will place stamps on front and back of documents

Gold: Indicates person is sovereign

Red: Used to cancel items

Blue: Deals with Admiralty Law/Uniform Commercial Code

Black: Deals with corporate law documents



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Sovereign Citizen Lexicon

Will use pseudo-legal phrases

Will ask:

For an Oath of Office

For an official's bond

“Who is the victim?”

Will make comments about entering/not entering a “contract”

Will state “I do not consent” during any enforcement action

Will make comments about treason

- Sovereign Living Soul
- Aboriginal
- Indigenous
- Non-resident alien
- Man on the land
- State Citizen
- 14th Amendment Citizen
- Free man
- Executor
- Of Flesh and Blood

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Sovereign Citizen Lexicon

- Strawman
- Common law
- De facto/De Jure government
- Redemption
- Conveyance (vehicle)
- Traveling in a private capacity
- Travelling in a commercial capacity
- Will not use SSAN
- Domicile
- Title 4 flag (4 USC 1-Flag Code)
- Comments about Admiralty Law
- Comments about lack of jurisdiction
- Referring to the government as a corporation
- Affidavit of truth
- Use of apostilles

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Sovereign Citizen Lexicon

- Reference to House Joint Resolution(HJR)-192 of 1933
- UN Indigenous People's Seat 215 (Moorish Sovereigns)
- Dishonor in commerce
- Brackets around a zip code
- Use of "near" with zip code
- Thumbprints on documents
- Use of red ink
- Special Trust Deposit
- Charge Back Notice
- Debtor is transmitting utility
- Accepted for value
- Under Duress
- Sui juris
- Fiduciary
- Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) References
- Copyright after a person's name

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Responses to Sovereigns

Have a plan

Know your process

Be courteous, but firm

Know your documents

Don't debate or belittle

Notify LEAs as appropriate

Be patient - active listening

When possible, get a witness

Make a record of the encounter Safeguard your personal information



Sovereigns' Tactics

Fraudulent everything:

Vehicle registrations–Vehicle tags–Drivers licenses–Birth Certificates–Insurance cards–Passports–Identification cards

Paper Terrorism: “Paper terrorism refers to the use of false liens, frivolous lawsuits, bogus letters of credit, and other ungrounded legal documents to harass others, especially against government officials. It is the filing and sending of false documents to intimidate police, government officials and private citizens.”

<https://definitions.uslegal.com/p/paper-terrorism/>



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TCA 39-17-117

It is an offense for any person to knowingly prepare, sign, or file any lien or other document with the intent to encumber any real or personal property when such person has no reasonable basis or any legal cause to place such lien or encumbrance on such real or personal property.



TCA 39-16-510

A person commits the offense of retaliation for past action who harms or threatens to harm a witness at an official proceeding, judge, district attorney general, an assistant district attorney general, an employee of the district attorney general or a law enforcement officer, clerk, juror or former juror, or a family member of any such person, by any unlawful act in retaliation for anything the witness, judge, district attorney general, assistant district attorney general, employee of the district attorney general or a law enforcement officer, clerk, or juror did in an official capacity as witness, judge, district attorney general, assistant district attorney general, employee of the district attorney general or a law enforcement officer, clerk, or juror. The offense of retaliation for past action shall not apply to an employee of a clerk who harms or threatens to harm the clerk.



T. C. A. § 66-21-105

Public Official's contest of lien, encumbrance, or other document that constitutes a cloud on title of real property interest.



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