

Sovereign Citizens Webinar

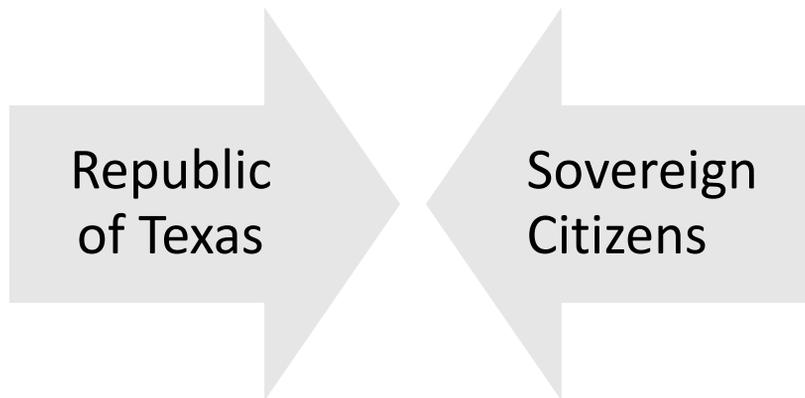
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- Who Are We Talking About?

What Do We Call Them?

- Shift from calling themselves “Republic of Texas” to “Sovereign Citizens”



How will we know it's them?

- True believers vs. people finding resources online

Sovereign Poverty Law
Center

- “Sovereigns believe that they — not judges, juries, law enforcement or elected officials — get to decide which laws to obey and which to ignore, and they don't think they should have to pay taxes.”

*FBI
news
stories
April
2010*

- “Sovereign citizens are anti-government extremists who believe that even though they physically reside in this country, they are separate or “sovereign” from the United States. As a result, they believe they don’t have to answer to any government authority, including courts, taxing entities, motor vehicle departments, or law enforcement.
- This causes all kinds of problems—and crimes. For example, many sovereign citizens don’t pay their taxes. They hold illegal courts that issue warrants for judges and police officers. They clog up the court system with frivolous lawsuits and liens against public officials to harass them. And they use fake money orders, personal checks, and the like at government agencies, banks, and businesses.”

Way beyond
not wanting to
pay taxes or
obey speeding
signs

- They believe the government was secretly replaced with some institution that enslaves it's citizens because of some claim about gold backed currency and the 'ownership' begins at birth when a birth certificate is created

Evictions

Criminal (traffic) offenses

They use their own terms or incorrectly use others

- Strawman Indigenous
- De facto government Non-resident alien
- Conveyance (rather than vehicle) Traveling in a private capacity
- References to UCC Use of red ink
- IRS Form 1099-OID Sui juris
- Travelling in a commercial capacity Redemption
- Aboriginal El Bey
- Who is the victim? Where is your oath of office?
- © after a person's name Brackets around a zip code
- "Employer ID Number" rather than SSN Domicile
- Reference to HJR-192 Charge Back Notice
- UN Indigenous People's Seat 215 Debtor is transmitting utility

- Special Trust Deposit In Admiralty
- Dishonor in commerce Accepted for value
- Thumbprints on documents Executor
- Common law Final solution
- Man on the land Free man
- Referring to the government as a corporation Requesting an official's bond
- Affidavit of truth Fiduciary
- Judicial District of Tens Letters of Marque
- Title 4 flag Sovereign Living Soul
- UCC-1 Statement UCC-1-207
- Silence is acquiescence State Citizen
- Use of "near" with zip code U.S. Minor, Outlying Islands

They like to file motions ...

... A LOT

Overwhelming the court is one of their tactics

And they call the filings strange names

- A notice of copyright as to the person's name, often labeled "Common Law Copyright Notice."
- "Registered Warrant Claim for Trust Special Deposit."
- Filings responding to traffic tickets or other charges labeling those documents as "abandoned paperwork" and demanding that the court official respond with authentication of authority, a certified copy of the official's oath, a certified copy of the officials "Bar Bond", and so on.
- A response to a traffic ticket or other charge labeled as an "Affidavit of Specific Negative Averment, Opportunity to Cure, and Counterclaim."
- "Negative averment" appears on various documents, with the idea that it puts the burden on the official to respond.
- "Notice of International Commercial Claim Within The Admiralty ab initio Administrative Remedy."
- Notices of default and commercial liens and demands for payment.

Plain Statement of Facts

6. All matters must be expressed to be resolved. In the matters of commerce, all commerce operates in truth. Demand for truth is made of all parties for full disclosure. Everything must be stated in truth and expressed in Affidavit form. He who leaves the field of battle first (does not respond to affidavit) loses by default. Sacrifice is the measure of credibility (if there is no willingness to sacrifice, there is no liability, responsibility, authority, or measure of conviction). A Truth Affidavit, under commercial law, can only be satisfied by a rebuttal affidavit of truth point-for-point about the Truth Affidavit, by payment, by agreement, or by resolution by jury according to the rules of Common Law. An un rebutted affidavit becomes a judgment in commerce, thus commercial processes are non-judicial. Equality under the law is paramount and mandatory by law.

DECLARATION OF TRUTH NOTICE AND AFFIDAVIT OF IDENTITY AT LAW

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In reference to the above subject matter

Please take notice that this is notice that I have received your unlawful and un-consent document and will respond upon your reply to this notice which is being given in good faith.

Please take notice that this notice is being given to protect the privacy and interest for all and for the following reasons:

- To assure there are no conflicts of interest with your affiliates, associations, bylaws or constitutions.
- To assure all parties are acting in the best interest of their private associations as members.

It is necessary that you provide written authorization directly from your association stating you have permission to discuss any matter.

In addition, please provide the following information before I can respond due to all rights reserved. As the affiant:

- 1) I require that you provide a certified copy of your picture ID which must be in-hand before any other acts proceed outside of this notice.
- 2) I request that you produce a SWORN to and SUBSCRIBED Oath of Office for Texas for any private membership as to your association.
 - a. I require a verified AND certified copy for each of the above in-hand before we proceed due to potential fraudulent and corrupt activities which violate the privacy act and other laws that protect all parties and their associations.
- 3) If you are a judicial officer or have a juris doctorate, please provide a copy of your insurance and bonding information.
- 4) If you are self-insured or self-bonded and not a judicial officer, please provide the following:
 - a. Where is verified evidence?

What does all this stuff mean?

Not much.

Misstated and misunderstood

At the 20 hour education seminar, we will give you specific explanation and responses to the typical language

Are they
correct?

Things We've
Heard ...

One person would not come past the 'bar' in the courtroom because he didn't want to have been considered to 'enter the proceedings'



One person left 'notes' all over the walls of their home before an eviction



Usually, the jury sees right through these folks

Tips from Jeff Davis County Attorney, Teresa Todd

“[B]e even more on your toes than usual because unrepresented SC defendants will not be bound by the rules of evidence or the boundaries of common decency. They will say anything ...”

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“Read up on the SC movement and know what you are up against. Also brush up on contempt of court and be ready to use it.”

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“[P]oint out inconsistencies, as there is usually a strong financial component that accompanies the SC philosophy (tax evasion, unwillingness to pay government fees but willingness to accept the accompanying benefits [e.g. driving, business ownership, etc.]).”



Tips from Jeff Davis County Attorney, Teresa Todd



- “Expect a crazy filing every day; expect to be personally slandered and defamed; and expect the defendant to disrespect you ... Expect the defendant to bring his own jury charge (from the Citizens Rule Book Jury Handbook) or otherwise attempt to co-opt the proceedings into an SC “common law” court.”



Tips from Jeff Davis County Attorney, Teresa Todd



- “[Sovereign Citizens] love to get the prosecutor, the judge, and the jury all off track—confuse and distract is their motto! Breathe, stay calm, and stay focused ...”



Tips from Jeff Davis County Attorney, Teresa Todd



- “Call for backup. Marshal extra law enforcement during court.”



Tips from Jeff Davis County Attorney, Teresa Todd



- “Order in the court. Do not underestimate how disruptive [they] want to be to our court proceedings. Things may get out of control or hang on the edge for what seems like forever. This is normal. ... impose reasonable time limits in advance to keep the trial moving. .”



Tips from Jeff Davis County Attorney, Teresa Todd



- “Be respectful of [their] First Amendment right to have [their] own opinions, and just [process] the case itself.”



Examples or scenarios to share?

Send them to
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Want to learn more about the history?

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