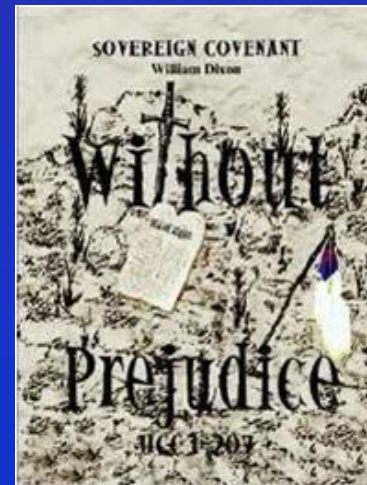




# Understanding and Interacting with: Sovereign Citizens





# Content

Non-Commercial - Non-Resident  
Private Property for Private Use  
No Trespass  
No Consent for Towing  
Man Traveling on a  
Public Right of Way  
No Voluntary Consent  
No Voluntary Suretyship  
No Voluntary Second Witness  
All Rights and Remedies Reserved  
UCC 1-308

- Overview of Movement
- Common Beliefs
  - Sovereign Citizens
  - Moorish Nation
- Indicators
- Interactions
- Reporting



# Sovereign Citizens: Defined

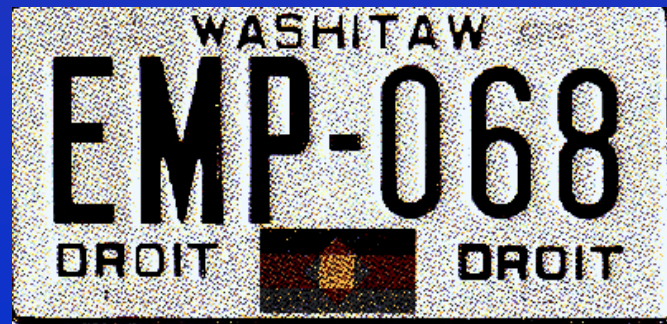
- Reject US citizenship, and operate outside of laws, and regulations
- May call themselves:
  - State citizens
  - Non-resident aliens
  - Freemen
  - Constitutionalists
  - Preamble citizens
  - Indigenous Americans





# Sovereign Citizens: Moorish Nation

- “Moors”, “Moorish”, or “Murrish”
- Add “Ali”, “El”, “Dey”, “Bey”, and/or “Al” to last names.
- “American Foreign National”, or “Diplomat” of the Moorish American national government.





# Sovereign Citizens: Posse Comitatus

- “Power of the County”
- Original followers: anti-government militia, white supremacists, and other radical groups
- Goal: “Restore the Republic”





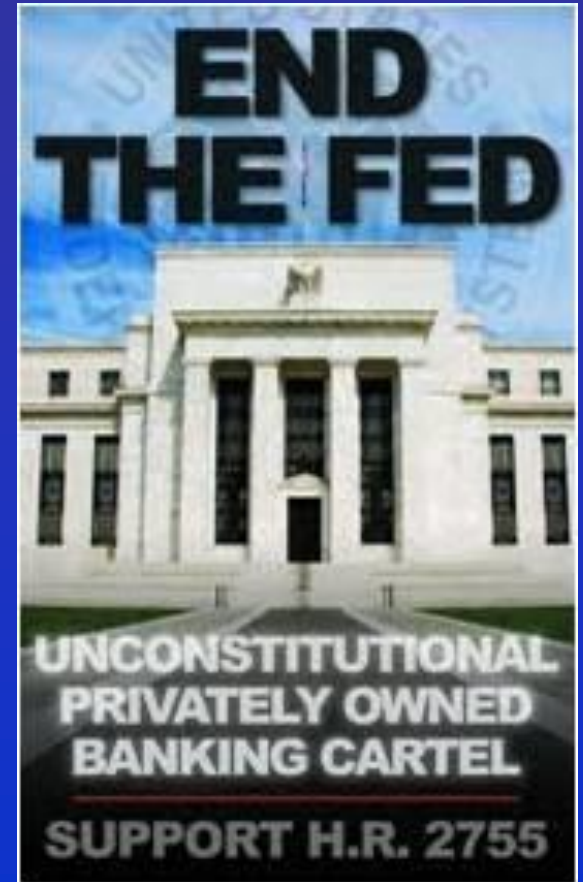
# Sovereign Citizens: Common Beliefs

- Belief in “common law” / “God’s law”
- Well studied in history and conspiracy theories
- Assert principles of founding documents
  - Declaration of Independence
  - Articles of Confederation
  - U. S. Constitution



# Sovereign Citizens: Core Beliefs

- The federal government operates as a corporation
- Reject authority of Government & Officials
- Amendments, laws, and regulations are illegitimate
- State citizenship not US Citizenship







# Meet Your Strawman!







# Sovereign Citizens: STRAWMAN

- STRAWMAN is “Legal Fiction” of a person
- Anyone can become free from:
  - Licenses, registrations, Social Security
  - Taxes
  - Laws and regulations
  - Federal, state, and local government authority





# Sovereign Citizens: Indicators - Written

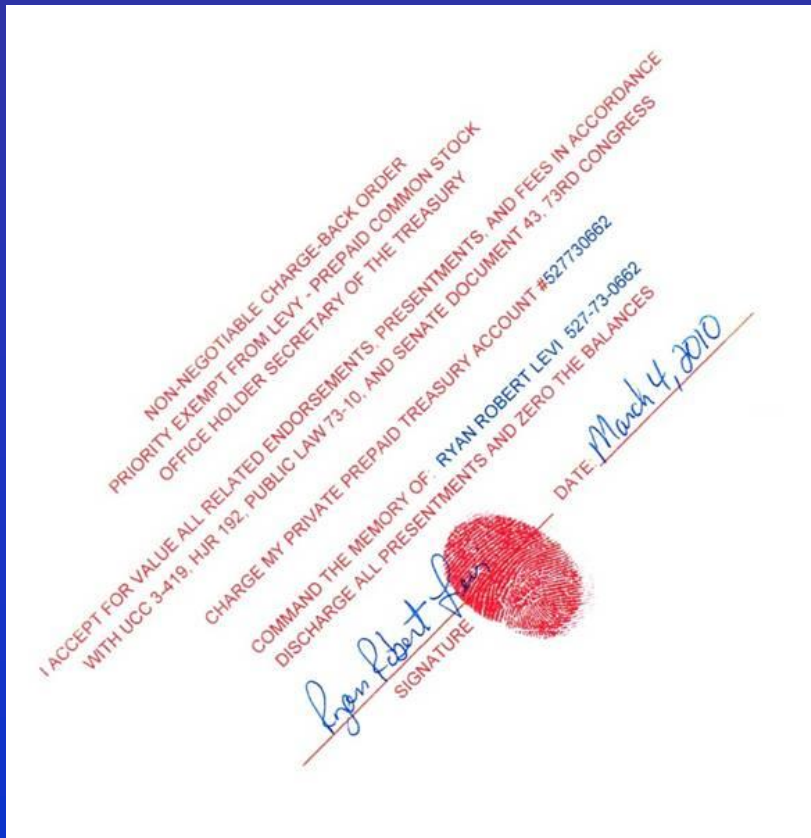
## Signatures & Markings

- All lower or Upper case
- Unusual use of Colons
- Last Names = El or Bey
- Unnecessary Notary Seals
- All Rights Reserved
- Use of brackets:
  - Separate first & last name
  - Zip codes
- “Of Flesh & Blood”



# Sovereign Citizens: Indicators - Written

## Signatures & Markings



- Written in red ink
- Additional:
  - Red fingerprint
  - Personal or postal stamp
  - Under Duress



# ***“Paper Terrorism”***

***• “The use of bogus legal documents and filings, or the misuse of legitimate documents, to intimidate, harass, threaten, or retaliate against public officials, law enforcement officers, or private citizens” (including bogus liens, frivolous law suits & involuntary bankruptcy filings)***







# Sovereign Citizens: What do they Want From the DMV?

- Revoke “Adhesion Contracts”
  - Driver’s Licenses
    - Freedom to Travel
  - Vehicle Titles
  - Vehicle Registration
  - Business Licenses
  - Incorporation Papers





# Sovereign Citizens: Indicators – DMV



**CONVEYANCE REGISTRATION**

TYPE: ☒ AUTO ☐ TRUCK ☐ CYCLE ☐ TRAILER REG. NO. B-1175  
☐ PLANE ☐ BOAT ☐ RECREATIONAL. CONV.

CIN. WAUFA0812DA109917 This conveyance is registered under the auspices of the Ministry of Transportation.

YEAR: 1983 MAKE: Audi MODEL: 4d Sedan Direct all inquiries to the Ministry of Transportation at the National Headquarters as listed below.

COLOR: Red DATE ISSUED: 20.12.1996

COV. ID: EMP-116 EXPIRATION: 31.12.1996

REGISTERED OWNER:  
Pioneer Leasing Group of Washitaw  
c/o 1223 N. 16th St. Suite 460  
Monroe Washitaw de Dugdahmoundyah  
Via U.S.A. Postal Zone 71201

**WASHITAW MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION**  
P.O. BOX 1500 - COLUMBIA, VIA U.S.A. POSTAL ZONE 71413

Her Highness Verdona Taura Washitaw - Tauri E-Bey, Empress of the Washitaw

SEAL OF MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION

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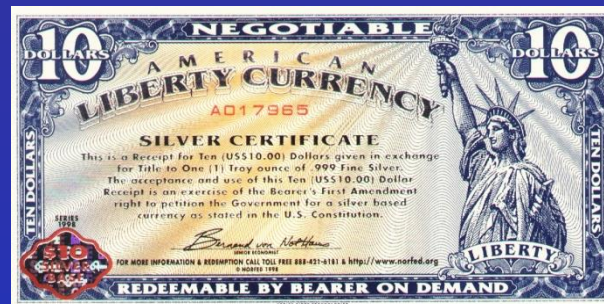
## Documents

- Fraudulent
  - Vehicle registrations
  - Drivers licenses
  - Birth Certificates
  - Insurance cards
  - Passports
  - Identification cards





# Sovereign Citizens: Indicators - Other





# Sovereign Citizens: Interaction Safeguards

- Do
  - Smile
  - Be patient
  - Listen
    - Be attentive, non-judgmental, and show interest
  - Mirror
    - Show empathy by using some of their terms or gestures, but do not overdo it

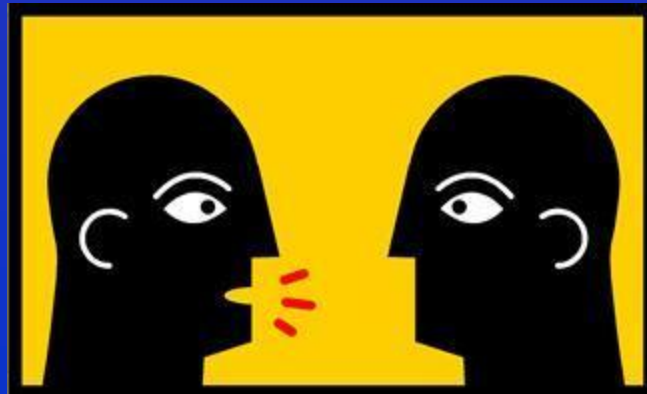






# Sovereign Citizens: Interaction Safeguards

- Do
  - Be calming
    - Speak a little more quietly and slowly than them
  - Avoid missteps
    - Do not appear unfriendly or impatient





# Sovereign Citizens: Interaction Safeguards

- Do **NOT**
  - Challenge their documents or beliefs
  - Refer to their documents as fraudulent
  - Give your full name or other personal information





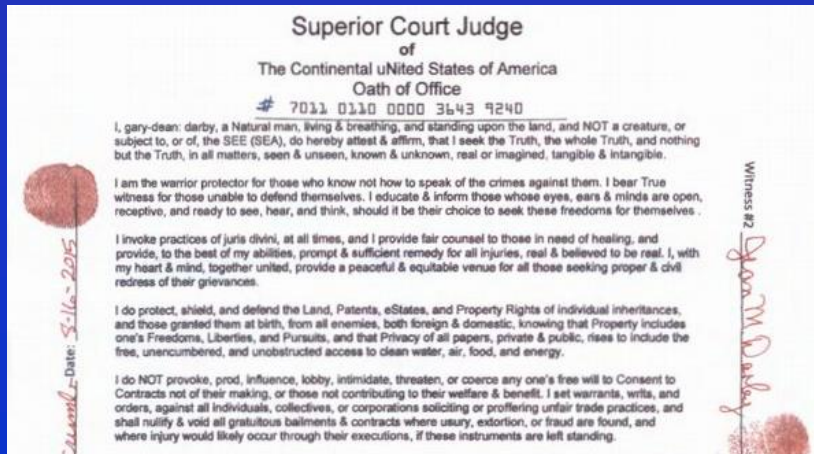
# Sovereign Citizens: Reporting

- Document the interaction
- Contact Supervisor
- Regularly check your credit history
- If you are in fear of harm to yourself or others notify the police.



# Sovereign Citizens: “A la carte”

- Selective government authority/processes
  - Use Administrative processes
- Whatever best serves their beliefs/purposes
- Range from peaceful to nuisance to violent







## NOTE:

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



# Questions?

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