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1 Introduction

The purpose of this document is answer common and frequently asked questions posed to us by the press, our members, and the public generally about sovereignty advocacy. For more detailed questions and answers, see:

1. Guide to Asking Questions, Form #09.017
   http://sedm.org/Membership/GuideToAskingQuestions.htm
2. SEDM Frequently Asked Questions
   http://sedm.org/FAQs/FAQs.htm
3. Questions and Answers from Ministry Members to Ministry Staff, SEDM Forums, Forum 8

If you would like a sample video interview with a freedom minded person who is not us, but which answer many of the questions in this pamphlet the same way we would answer them, please see:

Interview with Robert Menard Director of the World Freeman Society
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4_xYH2GUyN8

2 Definition of a “sovereign”

A favorite debate tactic of statists is to perpetuate an argument about terms that they refuse to define, to use emotionally charged words, and to deceive the audience about the meaning of terms by using them out of context. The first thing that most politicians say in defense of something they said, in fact, is to claim that they were quoted out of context. The purpose of this section is to define all key terms and contexts BEFORE the debate begins so that such tactics are IMPOSSIBLE. Equivocation is a favorite tactic of statists but it is impossible if the contexts and terms are carefully defined before the debate begins.

We will begin this section with a definition of “sovereign” found in our website disclaimer:

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Section 4: Meaning of Words

4.20. Sovereign

The word “sovereign” when referring to humans or governments means all the following:

1. A human being and NOT a “government”. Only human beings are “sovereign” and only when they are acting in strict obedience to the laws of their religion. All powers of government are delegated from the PEOPLE and are NOT “divine rights”. Those powers in turn are only operative when government PREVENTS the conversion of PRIVATE rights into PUBLIC rights. When that goal is avoided or undermined or when law is used to accomplish involuntary conversion, we cease to have a government and instead end up with a private, de facto for profit corporation that has no sovereign immunity and cannot abuse sovereign immunity to protect its criminal thefts from the people [https://sedm.org/Forms/05-MemLaw/DeFactoGov.pdf].

2. EQUAL in every respect to any and every government or actor in government. All governments are legal “persons” and under our Constitutional system, ALL “persons” are equal and can only become UNEQUAL in relation to each other WITH their EXPRESS and NOT IMPLIED consent. Since our Constitutional rights are unalienable per the Declaration of Independence, then we can't become unequal in relation to any government, INCLUDING through our consent.

3. Not superior in any way to any human being within the jurisdiction of the courts of any country.

4. Possessing the EQUAL right to acquire rights over others by the same mechanisms as the government uses. For instance, if the government encourages the filing of FALSE information returns that essentially "elect" people

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1 Adapted from: Policy Document: Rebutted False Arguments About Sovereignty, Form #08.018, Section 1.3; https://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm.

5. Subject to the criminal laws of the jurisdiction they are physically situated in, just like everyone else. This provision excludes “quasi criminal provisions” within civil franchises, such as tax crimes.

6. The origin of all authority delegated to the government per the Declaration of Independence.

7. Reserving all rights and delegating NONE to any and every government or government actor. U.C.C. §1-308 and its predecessor, U.C.C. §1-207.

8. Not consenting to any and every civil franchise offered by any government.

9. Possessing the same sovereign immunity as any government. Hence, like the government, any government actor asserting a liability or obligation has the burden of proving on the record of any court proceeding EXPRESS WRITTEN consent to be sued before the obligation becomes enforceable.

10. Claiming no civil or franchise status under any statutory franchise, including but not limited to “citizen”, “resident”, “driver” (under the vehicle code), “spouse” (under the family code), “taxpayer” (under the tax code). Any attempt to associate a statutory status and the public rights it represents against a non-consenting party is THEFT and SLAVERY and INJUSTICE.

11. Acting as a fiduciary, agent, and trustee on behalf of God 24 hours a day, seven days a week as an ambassador of a legislatively foreign jurisdiction and as a public officer of “Heaven, Inc.”, a private foreign corporation. God is the ONLY “sovereign” and the source of all sovereignty. We must be acting as His agent and fiduciary before we can exercise any sovereignty at all. Any attempt by so-called “government” to interfere with our ability to act as His fiduciaries is a direct interference with our right to contract and the free exercise of religion. See:

Delegation of Authority Order from God to Christians, Form #13.007 [https://sedm.org/Forms/13-SelfFamilyChurchGovnce/DelOfAuthority.pdf]

12. Capable of being civilly sued ONLY under the common law and equity and not under any statutory civil law. All statutory civil laws are laws for government and public officers, and NOT for private human beings. They are civil franchises that only acquire the “force of law” with the consent of the subject. See:

Why Statutory Civil Law is Law for Government and Not Private Persons, Form #05.037 [https://sedm.org/Forms/05-MemLaw/StatLawGovt.pdf]

13. Protected from the civil statutory law by the First Amendment requirement for separation of church and state because we Christians are the church and our physical body is the “temple” of the church. See: 1 Cor. 6:19.

14. Responsible for all the injuries they cause to every other person under equity and common law ONLY, and not under civil statutory law.

[SEDM Disclaimer, Section 4: Meaning of Words; SOURCE: https://sedm.org/disclaimer.htm]

Since the most frequent accusation against sovereignty advocates by government actors is that they are “anarchists”, here is how we define “anarchy” in our disclaimer:

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Section 4: Meaning of Words

4.21. Anarchy

The term “anarchy” implies any one or more of the following, and especially as regards so-called ”governments”. An important goal of this site it to eliminate all such “anarchy”:

1. Are superior in any way to the people they govern UNDER THE LAW.

2. Are not directly accountable to the people or the law. They prohibit the PEOPLE from criminally prosecuting their own crimes, reserving the right to prosecute to their own fellow criminals. Who polices the police? THE CRIMINALS.
3. Enact laws that exempt themselves. This is a violation of the Constitutional requirement for equal protection and equal treatment and constitutes an unconstitutional Title of Nobility in violation of Article 1, Section 9, Clause 8 of the United States Constitution.

4. Only enforce the law against others and NOT themselves, as a way to protect their own criminal activities by persecuting dissidents. This is called “selective enforcement”. In the legal field it is also called “professional courtesy”. Never kill the goose that lays the STOLEN golden eggs.

5. Break the laws with impunity. This happens most frequently when corrupt people in government engage in “selective enforcement”, whereby they refuse to prosecute or interfere with the prosecution of anyone in government. The Department of Justice (D.O.J.) or the District Attorney are the most frequent perpetrators of this type of crime.

6. Are able to choose which laws they want to be subject to, and thus refuse to enforce laws against themselves. The most frequent method for this type of abuse is to assert sovereign, official, or judicial immunity as a defense in order to protect the wrongdoers in government when they are acting outside their delegated authority, or outside what the definitions in the statutes EXPRESSLY allow.

7. Impute to themselves more rights or methods of acquiring rights than the people themselves have. In other words, who are the object of PAGAN IDOL WORSHIP because they possess “supernatural” powers. By “supernatural”, we mean that which is superior to the “natural”, which is ordinary human beings.

8. Claim and protect their own sovereign immunity, but refuse to recognize the same EQUAL immunity of the people from whom that power was delegated to begin with. Hypocrites.

9. Abuse sovereign immunity to exclude either the government or anyone working in the government from being subject to the laws they pass to regulate everyone ELSE’S behavior. In other words, they can choose WHEN they want to be a statutory “person” who is subject, and when they aren’t. Anyone who has this kind of choice will ALWAYS corruptly exclude themselves and include everyone else, and thereby enforce and implement an unconstitutional “Title of Nobility” towards themself. On this subject, the U.S. Supreme Court has held the following:

“No man in this country [including legislators of the government as a legal person] is so high that he is above the law. No officer of the law may set that law at defiance with impunity. All the officers of the government, from the highest to the lowest, are creatures of the law and are bound to obey it. It is the only supreme power in our system of government, and every man who by accepting office participates in its functions is only the more strongly bound to submit to that supremacy, and to observe the limitations which it imposes upon the exercise of the authority which it gives,” 106 U.S., at 220. “Shall it be said... that the courts cannot give remedy when the Citizen has been deprived of his property by force, his estate seized and converted to the use of the government without any lawful authority, without any process of law, and without any compensation, because the president has ordered it and his officers are in possession? If such be the law of this country, it sanctions a tyranny which has no existence in the monarchies of Europe, nor in any other government which has a just claim to well regulated liberty and the protection of personal rights. " 106 U.S., at 220, 221. [United States v. Lee, 106 U.S. 196, 1 S. Ct. 240 (1882)]

10. Have a monopoly on anything, INCLUDING “protection”, and who turn that monopoly into a mechanism to force EVERYONE illegally to be treated as uncompensated public officers in exchange for the “privilege” of being able to even exist or earn a living to support oneself.

11. Can tax and spend any amount or percentage of the people’s earnings over the OBJECTIONS of the people.

12. Can print, meaning illegally counterfeit, as much money as they want to fund their criminal enterprise, and thus to be completely free from accountability to the people.

13. Deceive and/or lie to the public with impunity by telling you that you can’t trust anything they say, but force YOU to sign everything under penalty of perjury when you want to talk to them. 26 U.S.C. §6065.

In support of the above definition of "anarchy", here is how the U.S. Supreme Court defined it:

“Decency, security, and liberty alike demand that government officials shall be subjected to the same rules of conduct that are commands to the citizen. In a government of laws, existence of the government will be imperiled if it fails to observe the law scrupulously. Our government is the potent, the omnipresent teacher. For good or for ill, it teaches the whole people by example. Crime is contagious. If the government becomes a lawbreaker, it breeds contempt for law; it invites every man to become a law unto
himself; it invites anarchy. To declare that in the administration of the criminal law the end justifies the means—to declare that the government may commit crimes in order to secure the conviction of a private criminal—would bring terrible retribution. Against that pernicious doctrine this court should resolutely set its face.”

(Olmstead v. United States, 277 U.S. 438 (1928))

The above requirements are a consequence of the fact that the foundation of the United States Constitution is EQUAL protection and EQUAL treatment [https://sedm.org/Forms/MemLaw/EqualProtection.pdf]. Any attempt to undermine equal rights and equal protection described above constitutes:

1. The establishment of a state sponsored religion in violation of the First Amendment and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, 42 U.S.C. Chapter 21B. That religion is described in: Socialism: The New American Civil Religion, Form #05.016 [https://sedm.org/Forms/05-MemLaw/SocialismCivilReligion.pdf]. The object of worship of such a religion is imputing "supernatural powers" to civil rulers and forcing everyone to worship and serve said rulers as "superior beings".

2. The establishment of an unconstitutional Title of Nobility in violation of Article 1, Section 9, Clause 8 of the United States Constitution.

[SEDM Disclaimer; Section 4: Meaning of Words; SOURCE: https://sedm.org/disclaimer.htm]

Throughout this document, the definitions of remaining key legal words and terms are found in the following resources:

1. **SEDM Disclaimer**, Section 4: Meaning of Words-key definitions applying throughout the site
   https://sedm.org/disclaimer.htm

2. **Legal Deception, Propaganda, and Fraud**, Form #05.014-Section 12 describes how key “words of art” are abused to deceive.
   https://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

3. **Citizenship Status v. Tax Status**, Form #10.011-Summary of key citizenship terms and their contexts
   https://sedm.org/Forms/10-Emancipation/CitizenshipStatusVTaxStatus/CitizenshipVTaxStatus.htm

4. **Sovereignty Forms and Instructions Online, Form #10.004, Cites by Topic**-key definitions from many sources
   https://famguardian.org/TaxFreedom/FormsInstr-Cites.htm

5. **Anti-Thought Control Dictionary**, Ben Williams
   https://famguardian.org/Subjects/Spirituality/Corruption/AntiThoughtCtlDict/dictionary_set.htm

In framing your rebuttal to this document, the reader is cautioned NOT to engage in any of the following logical fallacies. The abuse of many of these logical fallacies is discussed in Form #05.014 above:

**Thou Shalt Not Commit Logical Fallacies Website**
https://yourlogicalfallacyis.com/

### 3 Specific Questions

#### 3.1 What is the goal or mission of sovereignty advocacy that you hope will be achieved?

We seek to protect and preserve the freedoms that our founding fathers fought and died for. Those freedoms are documented in our founding documents such as the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution. Presently, the worst violators of our freedoms are in the government and the legal profession, who ironically are doing the opposite of what their profession was created for. We therefore oppose anything and everything that would remove the protections of the Constitution for our Constitutional, natural, and PRIVATE rights, or any effort to convert those rights into PUBLIC rights, privileges, or franchises that can be regulated, taxed, or STOLEN by anyone in government. Those rights are documented in the following documents:

1. **Unalienable Rights Course**, Form #12.038
   https://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

   https://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

There are two main methods by which the protection of our unalienable, private, constitutional, and natural rights by the Constitution can be surrendered. They are listed below and we seek to prevent all these methods from ever being employed against any American:
1. Misrepresenting your civil status on government forms so that you are treated as if you are not protected by the Constitution. Civil status includes your domicile, citizenship, or franchise status. See:

Avoiding Traps in Government Forms Course, Form #12.023
https://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

2. Government agencies illegally coercing people to misrepresent their status on government forms so that they are protected by the constitution. This is usually done by illegally instituting penalties against nonresidents who are not subject to their jurisdiction. See:

Why Penalties are Illegal for Anything But Government Franchisees, Employees, Contractors, and Agents, Form #05.010
https://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

3. Misrepresentations by government workers of the meaning of terms on government forms and the lack of accountability of government for the truthfulness of their forms and statements. This violates equal protection of the law, because every time we communicate with them, we must do so under penalty of perjury and are held accountable for the accuracy. See:

Legal Deception, Propaganda, and Fraud, Form #05.014
https://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

4. The systematic organized crime identity theft instituted USING the misrepresentations on government forms that cause people to surrender the protections of the constitution. See:

Government Identity Theft, Form #05.046
https://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

5. Offering, accepting, or enforcing civil franchises within a Constitutional state. These include income taxes and licensing. Licenses include such things as driver licensing, professional licenses, and marriage licenses. All such offers violate the Unconstitutional Conditions Doctrine, are illegal and unconstitutional, and MUST be stopped.

5.1. Illegal abuse of franchises to destroy constitutional rights is described in:

5.1.1. Government Franchises Course, Form #12.012
https://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

5.1.2. Government Instituted Slavery Using Franchises, Form #05.030
https://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

5.2. Below are some U.S. Supreme Court authorities on the JUDICIAL doctrines used to unconstitutionally effect these franchise abuses:

The Court developed, for its own governance in the cases confessedly within its jurisdiction, a series of rules under which it has avoided passing upon a large part of all the constitutional questions pressed upon it for decision. They are:

[...]

6. The Court will not pass upon the constitutionality of a statute at the instance of one who has availed himself of its benefits FN7 Great Falls Mfg. Co. v. Attorney General, 124 U.S. 381, 38 S.Ct. 631, 31 L.Ed. 527; Wall v. Parrot Silver & Copper Co., 244 U.S. 487, 411, 412, 37 S.Ct. 699, 61 L.Ed. 1229; St. Louis Malleable Casting Co. v. Pendergrass Construction Co., 260 U.S. 469, 43 S.Ct. 175, 67 L.Ed. 351.

[Ashwander v. Tennessee Valley Authority, 297 U.S. 288, 56 S.Ct. 466 (1936)]

"The words "privileges" and "immunities," like the greater part of the legal phraseology of this country, have been carried over from the law of Great Britain, and recur constantly either as such or in equivalent expressions from the time of Magna Charta. For all practical purposes they are synonymous in meaning, and originally signified a peculiar right or private law conceded to particular persons or places whereby a certain individual or class of individuals was exempted from the rigor of the common law. Privilege or immunity is conferred upon any person when he is invested with a legal claim to the exercise of special or peculiar rights, authorizing him to enjoy some particular advantage or exemption."

[The Privileges and Immunities of State Citizenship, Roger Howell, PhD, 1918, pp. 9-10; SOURCE:
http://famguardian.org/Publications/ThePrivAndImmOfStateCit/The_privileges_and_immunities_of_state_c.pdf]
The following document describes HOW to PROVE in a court of law that these PRIVATE, Constitutional, and natural rights are being unlawfully converted to PUBLIC rights and privilages by a corrupted de facto government:

Separation Between Public and Private Course, Form #12.025
https://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

The massive and ongoing corruption that results from all of the above problems is documented in:

1. Corruption, Scams, and Frauds Page, Family Guardian Fellowship
https://famguardian.org/Subjects/Scams/scams.htm
2. Government Corruption Course, Form #12.026
https://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm
3. Government Corruption, Form #11.401
https://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

3.2 What do you mean by “sovereignty” or “freedom”?

By freedom and sovereignty we really mean that all humans and creations of humans such as governments are absolutely EQUAL in the eyes of the civil law and cannot become unequal or be “civilly governed” without their express consent in some form. That equality, in fact, is declared and recognized in the Declaration of Independence itself. Selecting a civil domicile is the method of manifesting such consent. Those who don’t consent to select a domicile are still liable for injuries they cause other EQUAL sovereigns under the common law and the rules of equity ONLY. However, they are not subject to the civil statutory law or any fines, fees, or taxes to enforce the civil law instituted by civil government because they never expressly consented to be civily governed or “serviced”.

To be precise, below is the definition of “sovereignty” from our Disclaimer page:

Disclaimer

4. Meaning of Words

4.20. Sovereign

The word “sovereign” when referring to humans or governments means all the following:

1. A human being and NOT a “government”. Only human beings are “sovereign” and only when they are acting in strict obedience to the laws of their religion. All powers of government are delegated from the PEOPLE and are NOT “divine rights”. Those powers in turn are only operative when government PREVENTS the conversion of PRIVATE rights into PUBLIC rights. When that goal is avoided or undermined or when law is used to accomplish involuntary conversion, we cease to have a government and instead end up with a private, de facto for profit corporation that has no sovereign immunity and cannot abuse sovereign immunity to protect its criminal thefts from the people.

2. EQUAL in every respect to any and every government or actor in government. All governments are legal “persons” and under our Constitutional system, ALL “persons” are equal and can only become UNEQUAL in relation to each other WITH their EXPRESS and NOT IMPLIED consent. Since our Constitutional rights are unalienable per the Declaration of Independence, then we can’t become unequal in relation to any government, INCLUDING through our consent.

3. Not superior in any way to any human being within the jurisdiction of the courts of any country.

4. Possessing the EQUAL right to acquire rights over others by the same mechanisms as the government uses. For instance, if the government encourages the filing of FALSE information returns that essentially “elect” people into public office without their consent, then we have an EQUAL right to elect any and every government or officer within government into our PERSONAL service as our PERSONAL officer without THEIR consent. See: Correcting Erroneous Information Returns, Form #04.001.

5. Subject to the criminal laws of the jurisdiction they are physically situated in, just like everyone else.

This provision excludes “quasi criminal provisions” within civil franchises, such as tax crimes.

6. The origin of all authority delegated to the government per the Declaration of Independence.

7. Reserving all rights and delegating NONE to any and every government or government actor. U.C.C. §1-308 and its predecessor, U.C.C. §1-207.
8. Not consenting to any and every civil franchise offered by any government.
9. Possessing the same sovereign immunity as any government. Hence, like the government, any
government actor asserting a liability or obligation has the burden of proving on the record of any
court proceeding EXPRESS WRITTEN consent to be sued before the obligation becomes enforceable.
10. Claiming no civil or franchise status under any statutory franchise, including but not limited to
"citizen", "resident", "driver" (under the vehicle code), "spouse" (under the family code), "taxpayer"
(under the tax code). Any attempt to associate a statutory status and the public rights it represents
against a non-consenting party is THEFT and SLAVERY and INJUSTICE.
11. Acting as a fiduciary, agent, and trustee on behalf of God 24 hours a day, seven days a week as an
ambassador of a legislatively foreign jurisdiction and as a public officer of "Heaven, Inc.", a private
foreign corporation. God is the ONLY "sovereign" and the source of all sovereignty. We must be
acting as His agent and fiduciary before we can exercise any sovereignty at all. Any attempt by so-
called "government" to interfere with our ability to act as His fiduciaries is a direct interference with
our right to contract and the free exercise of religion. See:
Delegation of Authority Order from God to Christians, Form #13.007
12. Capable of being civilly sued ONLY under the common law and equity and not under any statutory
civil law. All statutory civil laws are for government and public officers, and NOT for private
human beings. They are civil franchises that only acquire the "force of law" with the consent of the
subject. See:
Wha Statutory Civil Law is Law for Government and Not Private Persons, Form #05.037
13. Protected from the civil statutory law by the First Amendment requirement for separation of church
and state because we Christians are the church and our physical body is the "temple" of the church.
See: 1 Cor. 6:19.
14. Responsible for all the injuries they cause to every other person under equity and common law ONLY,
and not under civil statutory law.

The term "anarchy" implies any one or more of the following, and especially as regards so-called "governments".
An important goal of this site to eliminate all such "anarchy":

1. Are superior in any way to the people they govern UNDER THE LAW.
2. Are not directly accountable to the people or the law. They prohibit the PEOPLE from criminally
prosecuting their own crimes, reserving the right to prosecute to their own fellow criminals. Who
polices the police? THE CRIMINALS.
3. Enact laws that exempt themselves. This is a violation of the Constitutional requirement for equal
protection and equal treatment and constitutes an unconstitutional Title of Nobility in violation of
Article 1, Section 9, Clause 8 of the United States Constitution.
4. Only enforce the law against others and NOT themselves, as a way to protect their own criminal
activities by persecuting dissidents. This is called "selective enforcement". In the legal field it is also
called "professional courtesy". Never kill the goose that lays the STOLEN golden eggs.
5. Break the laws with impunity. This happens most frequently when corrupt people in government
engage in "selective enforcement", whereby they refuse to prosecute or interfere with the prosecution
of anyone in government. The Department of Justice (D.O.J.) or the District Attorney are the most
frequent perpetrators of this type of crime.
6. Are able to choose which laws they want to be subject to, and thus refuse to enforce laws against
themselves. The most frequent method for this type of abuse is to assert sovereign, official, or judicial
immunity as a defense in order to protect the wrongdoers in government when they are acting outside
their delegated authority, or outside what the definitions in the statutes EXPRESSLY allow.
7. Impute to themselves more rights or methods of acquiring rights than the people themselves have. In
other words, who are the object of PAGAN IDOL WORSHIP because they possess "supernatural"
powers. By "supernatural", we mean that which is superior to the "natural", which is ordinary
human beings.
8. Claim and protect their own sovereign immunity, but refuse to recognize the same EQUAL immunity
of the people from whom that power was delegated to begin with. Hypocrites.
9. Abuse sovereign immunity to exclude either the government or anyone working in the government
from being subject to the laws they pass to regulate everyone ELSE'S behavior. In other words, they
can choose WHEN they want to be a statutory "person" who is subject, and when they aren't. Anyone
who has this kind of choice will ALWAYS corruptly exclude themselves and include everyone else, and
thereby enforce and implement an unconstitutional "Title of Nobility" towards themself. On this
subject, the U.S. Supreme Court has held the following:

"No man in this country [including legislators of the government as a legal
person] is so high that he is above the law. No officer of the law may set
law at defiance with impunity. All the officers of the government, from the
highest to the lowest, are creatures of the law and are bound to obey it. It is
the only supreme power in our system of government, and every man who by
accepting office participates in its functions is only the more strongly bound to
submit to that supremacy, and to observe the limitations which it imposes upon
the exercise of the authority which it gives," 106 U.S., at 220. "Shall it be said...
that the courts cannot give remedy when the Citizen has been deprived of his
property by force, his estate seized and converted to the use of the government
without any lawful authority, without any process of law, and without any

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compensation, because the president has ordered it and his officers are in
possession? **If such be the law of this country, it sanctions a tyranny which
has no existence in the monarchies of Europe, nor in any other government
which has a just claim to well-regulated liberty and the protection of personal
rights.**" [106 U.S., at 220, 221.]

[United States v. Lee, 106 U.S. 196, 1 S. Ct. 240 (1882)]

10. Have a monopoly on anything, INCLUDING "protection", and who turn that monopoly into a
mechanism to force EVERYONE illegally to be treated as uncompromised public officers in exchange
for the "privilege" of being able to even exist or earn a living to support oneself.
11. Can tax and spend any amount or percentage of the people’s earnings over the OBJECTIONS of the
people.
12. Can print, meaning illegally counterfeit, as much money as they want to fund their criminal enterprise,
and thus to be completely free from accountability to the people.
13. Deceive and/or lie to the public with impunity by telling you that you can’t trust anything they say, but
force YOU to sign everything under penalty of perjury when you want to talk to them. 26 U.S.C. §6005.

In support of the above definition of "anarchy", here is how the U.S. Supreme Court defined it:

"Decency, security, and liberty alike demand that **government officials shall be subjected to the same rules of conduct that are commands to the citizen, to a government of laws, existence of the government will be imperiled if it fails to observe the law scrupulously. Our government is the potent, the omnipresent teacher. For good or for ill, it teaches the whole people by its example. Crime is contagious. If the government becomes a lawbreaker, it breeds contempt for law; it invites every man to become a law unto himself; it invites anarchy. To declare that in the administration of the criminal law the end justifies the means is but to acknowledge in a different phrase what may be stated in another - that the means to justify the end.** To secure the conviction of a private criminal would bring terrible retribution. Against that pernicious doctrine this court should resolutely set its face."

[Olmstead v. United States, 277 U.S. 438 (1928)]

The above requirements are a consequence of the fact that the foundation of the United States Constitution is EQUAL protection and EQUAL treatment. Any attempt to undermine equal rights and equal protection described above constitutes:

1. **The establishment of a state sponsored religion in violation of the First Amendment and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, 42 U.S.C. Chapter 21B.** That religion is described in: [Socialism: The New American Civil Religion, Form #05.016.](http://sedm.org/disclaimer.htm) The object of worship of such a religion is imputing "supernatural powers" to civil rulers and forcing everyone to worship and serve said rulers as "superior beings".
2. **The establishment of an unconstitutional Title of Nobility in violation of Article 1, Section 9, Clause 8 of the United States Constitution.**

[SEDM Disclaimer, Section 4: Meaning of Words, SOURCE: http://sedm.org/disclaimer.htm]

Under the above approach to sovereignty and freedom, any attempt by governments to civilly govern non-consenting parties is an act of terrorism, and especially if it has a commercial motive that would threaten your ability to support yourself or take your property or rights to property without your consent. Government should not be established to make a profit but rather as an eelemosynary trust to SERVE and PROTECT only those who CONSENT to be served and protected. In the absence of such consent, the very definition of “justice” itself dictates that they HAVE to leave you alone and protect your right to be left alone.

PAULSEN, ETHICS (Thilly’s translation), chap. 9.

**Justice, as a moral habit, is that tendency of the will and mode of conduct which refrains from disturbing the lives and interests of others [INCLUDING us], and, as far as possible, hinders such interference on the part of others.** This virtue springs from the individual’s respect for his fellows as ends in themselves and as his co equals. The different spheres of interests may be roughly classified as follows: body and life; the family, or the extended individual life; property, or the totality of the instruments of action; honor, or the ideal existence; and finally freedom, or the possibility of fashioning one’s life as an end in itself. The law defends these different spheres, thus giving rise to a corresponding number of spheres of rights, each being protected by a prohibition. . . . **To violate the rights, to interfere with the interests of others, is injustice. All injustice is ultimately directed against the life of the neighbor; it is an open avowal that the latter is not an end in itself, having the same value as the individual’s**
Those in government who won’t LEAVE YOU ALONE or who force you to pay them “protection money” BEFORE they will leave you alone are:

2. Operating usually from a profit motive, and thus turning the PUBLIC trust into a SHAM trust. We call this kind motive “mammon worship”.

   "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."
   [1 Tim. 1:10, Bible, NKJV]

3. Violating their fiduciary duty to the public they serve and placing their own welfare, paycheck, and/or retirement above those people.
4. Not “governments” in a classical sense, but ANTI-GOVERNMENTS, because they do the OPPOSITE of what governments are created, enacted, and ordained by God Himself to do.
5. STEALING private rights and private property by taking them from you without you consent. The rights STOLEN are the public rights and privileges attached to the civil STATUS that they are enforcing against you without your consent.

The above approach to sovereignty is no more “lawless” than the present government itself, which claims what is called “sovereign immunity”. All governments claim to have sovereign immunity, which simply means that those seeking to enforce a civil obligation need to produce evidence of their consent to be civilly sued or the case will be dismissed against them. The U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly held that all the powers of the government were delegated by the People, and therefore, the people themselves must ALSO have “sovereign immunity” and be completely and perfectly equal in every respect to any and every government unless and until they expressly consent to become unequal and among those civilly governed by selecting a domicile and thereby becoming subject to the civil statutory laws.

In fact, the U.S. Supreme Court has declared that ALL of your freedom derives from EQUALITY of all. The implication is that those who are NOT equal are not only NOT free, but are in fact SLAVES and government property called “employees”.

   "No duty rests more imperatively upon the courts than the enforcement of those constitutional provisions intended to secure that equality of rights which is the foundation of free government."
   [Gulf, C. & S. F. R. Co. v. Ellis, 165 U.S. 150 (1897)]

The departure point of all interactions with government is to start on the assumption that YOU are equal to the government, and that you can only become UNEQUAL with your consent. When a government seeks to civilly enforce against anyone, it has the burden of proving that you:

1. Consented to become UNEQUAL and inferior to them, so that they acquired the authority to civilly govern the specific activity or behavior they are civilly enforcing against. OR
2. Expressly consented to the civil STATUS against which the rights are being enforced, such as “taxpayer”, “citizen”, “resident”, “driver”, etc. OR
3. Injured the equal rights of some other party under the common law absent their consent, and which therefore qualifies as an injury and conveys “standing” to sue.

   "...outside areas of plainly harmful conduct, every American is left to shape his own life as he thinks best, do what he pleases, go where he pleases."

   "With all [your] blessings, what more is necessary to make us a happy and a prosperous people? Still one thing more, fellow citizens—a wise and frugal Government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government, and this is necessary to close the circle of our felicities."
   [President Thomas Jefferson, concluding his first inaugural address, March 4, 1801]
If the government or its actors can’t or won’t satisfy the burden of proving one or more of the above criteria WITH EVIDENCE and not presumption, then they have to treat you as an EQUAL, leave you alone, not enforce against you, and return any money or property they acquired wrongfully enforcing against you WITHOUT you having to acquire any civil or franchise status as a precursor to the return of the property. Furthermore, it is an injury to abuse sovereign immunity to protect them from the responsibility to satisfy this solemn and sacred obligation under the Constitution.

So WHO gave Americans the CRAZY idea that Americans were Sovereign? The U.S. Supreme Court!

"[A]t the Revolution, the sovereignty devolved on the people; and they are truly the sovereigns of the country, but they are sovereigns without subjects, with none to govern but themselves; the citizens of America are equal as fellow citizens, and as joint tenants in the sovereignty."

[Chisholm v. Georgia, 2 Dall. (U.S.) 419, 454, 1 L.Ed. 440, 455 @ Dall 1793 pp.471-472 (1793)]

"Sovereignty itself is, of course, not subject to the law, for it is the author and source of law, but in our system, while sovereign powers are delegated to the agencies of government, sovereignty itself remains with the people, by whom and for whom all government exists and acts... For, the very idea that one man may be compelled to hold his life or the means of living or any material right essential to the enjoyment of life, at the mere will of another, seems to be intolerable in any country where freedom prevails, as being the essence of slavery itself. (118 U.S. 356.)"

[Yick Wo v. Hopkins, 118 U.S. 356 (1886)]

"The words 'sovereign people' are those who form the sovereign, and who hold the power and conduct the government through their representatives. Every citizen is one of these people and a constituent member of this sovereignty."

[Scott v. Sandford, 60 U.S. 393 404 (1856)]

So the FBI had better go after the Ring Leaders of this Sovereignty movement who obviously must be terrorists by the FBI’s definition. And if THEY are the terrorists, then their employer must be also:
3.3  Were you or any of your members ever in government service?

Many of our members and even officers have served honorably in the U.S. military, as policemen, and even in the legal profession. To serve in that capacity, they often had to take an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic. Even after leaving their government service, most of our members continue to take that oath very seriously, and have concluded in many cases that:

1. The greatest enemies of the Constitution and the rights protected by the Constitution are in fact “domestic” and WITHIN the government, and more particularly within a corrupted legal profession that lusts for money and power.
2. A corrupted legal profession has hijacked the public trust and made it into a sham trust for the benefit mainly of them rather than the people they are supposed to be serving and protecting. In that sense, they have become what we call a satanic priesthood intent on stealing all property and rights and concentrating all power into their own covetous hands. That satanic priesthood was best described by the following video clip:

   [Devil’s Advocate Movie Clip, Family Guardian Fellowship](http://sedm.org/what-we-are-up-against/)

3. The hijacking of the public trust by a corrupted legal profession is facilitated and even protected by the mass ignorance of the populace on legal subjects. This ignorance prevents the abuses of the corrupted legal profession from being either exposed or prosecuted. Therefore, our members have committed themselves to both learning and enforcing the law against those in government charged with doing so but who refuse their duty and only “selectively enforce” to protect their own criminal activities.

We are not alone in our disdain for corruption within the legal profession and government. The most respected lawyer in the country, Gerry Spence, who served as a government prosecutor and trains prosecutors, says that the present system does NOT deliver “justice” and without exception, ALWAYS injures and abuses its power to oppress and destroy what he calls “the little guy”. Watch for yourself:

   [Gerry Spence on American “justice system”](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vMm3ry1HqBc)

3.4  How did you and your members become interested in sovereignty advocacy? Why did you or your members transform from being in government to opposing government violations of law?

In the majority of cases, our members were dishonored and/or abused by the government or the legal profession, and often for financial reasons. The abusers were motivated by greed and behaved essentially as psychopaths or sociopaths with no scruples who worshipped mammon/money. That abuse lead our members to begin reading the law for themselves and they discovered in the conduct of their research that they are being lied to and deceived on a huge scale by corrupted governments and the legal profession about their obligations under the law and their rights. Once they realized that their rights not only are NOT being protected, but are instead being maliciously abused by the very people charged with protecting them, they then began searching for remedies to protect and restore those rights. That search is often how they stumble on the Sovereignty Education and Defense Ministry (SEDM) Website.

The largest single source of abuse for most of our members is the Family Code and Family Court system within their state. Many of our members have been abused in the hands of this incestuous and corrupt system of judges and lawyers, causing them to want to completely disconnect from the system to the maximum extent possible. They seek to disconnect from the civil statutory system not to avoid responsibility for supporting for their own, but to restore as much of their own dignity, equality, and autonomy as possible.

Any government that seeks to find a source of blame for the existence of the sovereignty movement therefore need only look in the mirror. THEY have CREATED their opponents by:

1. Mistreating them.
2. Engaging in criminal violations of rights.
3. Abusing their authority and discretion by protecting ONLY their own criminal abuses.
4. Abusing the public trust to make it into a sham trust.
5. Turning the legal profession into a Satanic priesthood and courtrooms into a church and judges into priests of a civil religion that worships rulers rather than the people who are in charge of them, the Sovereign People.

http://sedm.org/what-we-are-up-against/

People don’t like mafias, and that is why they don’t like the present corrupted government or legal profession. That mafia is documented in:

**Government Mafia, Clint Richardson**
https://sedm.org/media/government-mafia/

### 3.5 Are you anti-government?

We are pro government, because the U.S. Supreme Court has held that THE PEOPLE govern themselves through their public SERVANTS. To be against “government” is to be against the People in their sovereign capacity as the “State”. The “State” is legally defined as THE PEOPLE occupying a specific land mass, and is NOT defined as the GOVERNMENT that serves them.

“State. **A people [NOT a “government”, but a PEOPLE] permanently occupying a fixed territory bound together by common-law habits and custom into one body politic exercising, through the medium of an organized government, independent sovereignty and control over all persons and things within its boundaries, capable of making war and peace and of entering into international relations with other communities of the globe. United States v. Kasche, D.C.Cal., 56 F.Supp. 201 207, 208. The organization of social life which exercises sovereign power in behalf of the people. Delany v. Moraltis, C.C.A.Md., 136 F.2d. 129, 130. In its largest sense, a “state” is a body politic or a society of men. Beagle v. Motor Vehicle Acc. Indemnification Corp., 44 Misc.2d. 636, 254 N.Y.S.2d. 763, 765. A body of people occupying a definite territory and politically organized under one government. State ex re Maisano v. Mitchell, 155 Conn. 256, 231 A.2d. 539, 542. A territorial unit with a distinct general body of law. Restatement, Second, Conflicts, §3. Term may refer either to body politic of a nation (e.g. United States) or to an individual government unit of such nation (e.g. California).”

 [...] 

**The people of a state, in their collective capacity, considered as the party wronged by a criminal deed; the public; as in the title of a cause, “The State vs. A.B.”**


Corrupt governments try to circumvent the above relationship between the governed and the government by re-defining the word “State” in statutes essentially as privileged federal corporations, franchises, and “creations” of Congress, and re-defining statutory “citizens” and “residents” as OFFICERS of said corporation. See 26 U.S.C. §§6671(b) and 7343:

At common law, a “corporation” was an “artificial perso[n] endowed with the legal capacity of perpetual succession” consisting either of a single individual (termed “corporation sole”) or of a collection of several individuals (a “corporation aggregate”). 3 H. Stephen, Commentaries on the Laws of England 166, 168 (1st Am. ed. 1845). The sovereign was considered a corporation. See id., at 170; see also 1 W. Blackstone, Commentaries *467. Under the definitions supplied by contemporary law dictionaries, Territories would have been classified as "corporations" (and hence as "persons") at the time that 1983 was enacted and the Dictionary Act recodified. See W. Anderson, A Dictionary of Law 261 (1893) ("All corporations were originally modeled upon a state or nation"); J. Bouvier, A Law Dictionary Adapted to the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America 318-319 (11th ed. 1866) ("In this extensive sense the United States may be termed a corporation"); Van Brocklin v. Tennessee, 117 U.S. 151, 154 (1886) ("The United States is a . . . great corporation . . . ordained and established by the American people") (quoting United [495 U.S. 182, 202] States v. Maurice, 26 F. Cas. 1211, 1216 (No. 15,747) (CC Va. 1823) (Marshall, C. J.)); Cotton v. United States, 11 How. 229, 231 (1851) (United States is "a corporation"); See generally Trustees of Dartmouth College v. Woodward, 4 Wheat. 518, 561-562 (1819) (explaining history of term "corporation").

[Ngirairingas v. Sanchez, 495 U.S. 182 (1990)]

Those in government are simply SERVANTS of the “State” and when they cease to represent themselves or act as SERVANTS, they cease to be “government” as legally defined. It is THESE people who PRETEND to be “government” but refuse to ACT like SERVANTS in “government” that we have a problem with. These people are what we call the “de facto government”, because they:

1. **Try to rule from above rather than serve from below.**
2. Do injurious things to people without their consent and without accountability for their injuries. This is GOVERNMENT anarchy and lawlessness.

3. Impute rights or authority to themselves that they refuse to recognize in the people from whom those rights were delegated. In other words, they possess “supernatural powers” above and beyond any natural human. This makes them the equivalent of a god to be worshipped and thus “obeyed” and therefore violates the First Amendment establishment clause and the Titles of Nobility Clause of the Constitution.

In short, they seek to be UNEQUAL, superior to, and above those they serve, and thereby establish in essence a “civil religion” in which they have “supernatural powers” and are the object of idolatry and “worship” (obedience). On this subject, Jesus said:

“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

[Matthew 20:25-28, Bible, NKJV]

3.6 Have you or your group ever engaged in violence against governments or people in governments?

Neither we nor any of our members have, to our knowledge, ever engaged in acts of violence or terrorism directed against any government or public servant. We are a peaceful group that prohibits violence by its members as a means to remedy. By “violence”, we mean any one or more of the following:

1. Anything and everything that is or could be threatening to human life or one’s physical body.
2. Involves fear or terror.
3. Involves coercion, force, or intimidation of any kind.
4. Is instituted by anyone who is NOT accountable or responsible for their actions either because they are being protected unlawfully by others, or because of the unlawful use of “sovereign immunity” to protect their criminal acts. This causes those who are the target of their actions to be fearful because there is no remedy for injuries.

Because we are opposed to “violence”, we are also opposed to all the COMPONENTS that constitute violence as we just defined it.

We also equally oppose violence by governments against the people they are created to protect and even against those who do not consent to be protected by the civil statutory law such as us. Below is our policy on this subject:

9. APPROACH TOWARDS VIOLENCE, TERRORISM, AND HATE CRIME

This website was established to prevent terrorism, not promote it. We define any attempt to deprive anyone of life, liberty or property without their express consent manifested in a way that only they define as an act of terrorism. We believe that there are only two types of governments:

1. Government by consent.
2. Government by terror.

Any attempt by any government to civilly govern or enforce, whether by civil law or franchise/contract law without the express and continuing consent of those governed is an act of terrorism.

For a representation of the kind of government terrorism we oppose, see:
1. Policy Document: Rebutted False Arguments About Sovereignty, Form #08.018, Sections 5 and 7
   http://sedm.org/Forms/08-PolicyDocs/RebFalseArgSovereignty.pdf
2. De Facto Government Scam, Form #05.043
   http://sedm.org/Forms/05_Mem14w/DeFactoGov.pdf
3. Terrorism Playlist – SEDM
   https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLin1scINPTOs6hqeXFY2A3wsPp-OiOFb
4. Government Corruption
   http://sedm.org/GovCorruption/GovCorruption.htm
5. I Want To Be A Spy
   http://farguardian.org/Subjects/Crime/Humor/AschcroftSpy.mp3 (OFFSITE LINK)
6. Government Terror - Brasscheck TV
   http://www.brasschecktv.com/videos/government-terror
7. The REAL Matrix, Stefan Molyneux (OFFSITE LINK)
   https://sedm.org/media/the-real-matrix/
8. Devil’s Advocate: What We Are Up Against (OFFSITE LINK)
   https://sedm.org/what-we-are-up-against/
9. We Bomb for Cash
   https://sedm.org/education/liberty-university/liberty-university-2-6-how-the-world-works/
10. Pirates and Emperors
    https://sedm.org/education/liberty-university/liberty-university-2-6-pirates-and-emperors/
11. Government Mafia, Clint Richardson
    https://sedm.org/media/government-mafia/
12. If I Were The Devil - Paul Harvey
    http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZaGVCQ6CBjQ
13. Terrorstorm (OFFSITE LINK) – Alex Jones
    http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vrXgLhkv21Y
14. We are Preparing for Massive Civil War, Says DHS Informant (OFFSITE LINK)
    https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZViuts8RORY
15. Is the United States of America a leading terrorist state? (OFFSITE LINK)-Noam Chomsky
    http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AcDNCKVnXOMv
16. Statism and Terrorism, Stefan Molyneux - your government is terrorist
    https://archive.org/details/youtube-3IRbwpc2XV4
17. Securiotic- how governments have created a fictional war on terror to themselves become terrorists
    http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sDR2awGVJ-g
18. Amazing Speech by War Veteran—he identifies the REAL terrorists.
    https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akm3nY8aG8#t=17v
19. Party in the CIA
    https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C-CG5w4YwOJ

For a list of specific government terrorist activities we oppose, see:

Ministry Introduction, Form #12.014, pp. 11-13
http://sedm.org/Ministry/MinistryIntro.pdf

THIS WEBSITE CONDEMS ANY AND ALL VIOLENCE, VIOLENCE PLANNING, VIOLENT
RADICALIZATION AND OR THOUGHT CRIME, AND AS SUCH CONTAINS NO SUCH INFORMATION OR
LINKS TO SUCH INFORMATION

This website is in full compliance with H.R. 1955 , and Section 318, 319 of the Criminal Code of Canada and
as such condemns and does not retain any information, plans, support, of a terrorist or violent propaganda, and
or radicalization nature, and does not conduct, plan, or retain any forms of violent thoughts, feelings, impulses,
moods, subconscious thought, primal urges, sexual cravings, hunger pains, restless leg twitches, rapid eye
flutters, and or skin tone blemishes which may be mistaken for a pre-anger flush. All fonts, typesets, font colors of
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agenda. Source files of interviews or MP3 files are strictly those of the authors and do NOT reflect the intent,
mood or thoughts of the author(s) of this website.

10. APPROACH TOWARDS "HATE SPEECH" AND HATE CRIME
This website does not engage in, condone, or support hate speech or hate crimes, violent thoughts, deeds or actions against any particular person(s), group, entity, government, mob, paramilitary force, intelligence agency, overpaid politician, head of state, queen, dignitary, ambassador, spy, spook, soldier, bowl cook, security flunky, contractor, dog, cat or mouse, Wal-Mart employee, amphibian, reptile, and or deceased entity without a PB (Physical Body). By “hate speech” and “hate crime”, we mean in the context of religious members of this site trying to practice their faith:

1. Compelling members to violate any aspect of the Laws of the Bible, Form #13.001. This includes commanding them to do things God forbids or preventing or punishing them from doing God commands.

2. Persecution or “selective enforcement” directed against those whose religious beliefs forbid them from contracting with, doing business with, or acquiring any civil status in relation to any and all governments. These people must be “left alone” by law and are protected in doing so by the First Amendment and the right to NOT contract protected by the Constitution. The group they refuse to associate with is civil statutory “persons”. We call these people “non-resident non-persons” on this site as described in Form #05.020. See Proof That There Is a “Straw Man”, Form #05.042 for a description of the civil “person” scam.

3. Engaging in legal “injustice” (Form #05.050). By “justice” we mean absolutely owned private property (Form #10.002), and equality of TREATMENT and OPPORTUNITY (Form #05.033) under REAL LAW (Form #05.048). “Justice” is defined here as God defines it in Form #05.050.

4. Any attempt to treat anyone unequally under REAL “law”. This includes punishing or preventing actions by members to enforce against governments under their own franchise (Form #06.027) the same way governments enforce against them. See What is “law”?, Form #05.045.

5. Offering, implementing, or enforcing any civil franchise (Form #05.030). This enforces superior powers on the part of the government as a form of inequality, results in religious idolatry, and violates the First Commandment of the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20). This includes:

   6.1 Making justice (Form #05.050) into a civil public privilege

   6.2 Turning CONSTITUTIONAL PRIVATE citizens into STATUTORY PUBLIC citizens engaged in a public office and a franchise.

   6.3 Any attempt to impose equality of OUTCOME by law, such as by abusing taxing powers to redistribute wealth. See Great IRS Hoax, Form #11.302.

     Franchises are the main method of introducing UNEQUAL treatment by the government. See Why You Are a “national”, “state national”, and Constitutional but not Statutory Citizen, Form #05.006.

6. Any attempt to outlaw or refuse to recognize or enforce absolutely owned private property (Form #12.025). This makes everyone into slaves of the government, which then ultimately owns ALL property and can place unlimited conditions upon the use of their property. It also violates the last six commandments of the Ten Commandments, which are the main religious laws that protect PRIVATE property and prevent it from being shared with any government.

   This includes:

   6.1 Refusing to provide civil statuses on government forms that recognize who are exclusively private and their right to be left alone.

   6.2 Refusing to provide government forms that recognize those who are exclusively private such as “non-taxpayers” or “non-resident non-persons” and their right to be left alone.

   The result of the above forms of omission are hate, discrimination, and selective enforcement against those who refuse to become “customers” or franchisees (Form #05.030) of government.

   See Avoiding Traps in Government Forms Course, Form #12.023.

7. Any attempt by government to use judicial process or administrative enforcement to enforce any civil obligation derived from any source OTHER than express written consent or to an injury against the equal rights of others demonstrated with court admissible evidence. See Lawfully Avoiding Government Obligations, Form #12.045.

There is no practical difference between discriminating against or targeting people because of the groups they claim membership in and punishing them for refusing to consent to join a group subject to legal disability, such as those participating in government franchises. Members of such DISABILITY groups include civil statutory "persons", "taxpayers", "individuals" (under the tax code), "drivers" (under the vehicle code), "spouses" (under the family code). Both approaches lead to the same result: discrimination and selective enforcement. The government claims an exemption from being a statutory "person", and since it is a government of delegated powers, the people who gave it that power must ALSO be similarly exempt:

"The sovereignty of a state does not reside in the persons who fill the different departments of its government, but in the People, from whom the government emanated; and they may change it at their discretion. Sovereignty, then in this country, abides with the constituency, and not with the agent; and this remark is true, both in reference to the federal and state government."

[Spooner v. McConnell, 22 F. 939 @ 943]
"In common usage, the term ‘person’ does not include the sovereign, and statutes employing the word are ordinarily construed to exclude it."

[Wilson v. Omaha Indian Tribe 442 U.S. 653, 667 (1979)]

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[U.S. v. Cooper, 312 U.S. 600,604, 61 S.Ct. 742 (1941)]

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"There is no such thing as a power of inherent sovereignty in the government of the United States. ... In this country sovereignty resides in the people, and Congress can exercise no power which they have not, by their Constitution entrusted to it: All else is withheld."

[Julliard v. Greenman, 110 U.S. 421 (1884)]

The foundation of the religious beliefs and practices underlying this website is a refusal to:

1. Civilly or legally associate with any specific secular (pagan) government (Form #05.002) under their statutory franchises or "social compacts".
2. Acquire any "civil status" under any civil statutory enactment, including but not limited to "person", "individual", "taxpayer", "U.S. person", etc. See: Your Exclusive Right to Declare or Establish Your Civil Status, Form #13.008.
3. Approach any government as a Buyer of their services or programs (Form #05.001) under U.C.C. §2-103(1)(a).
4. Be anything OTHER than a Merchant selling absolutely owned, constitutionally protected private property under U.C.C. §2-104(1) under terms that only WE specify. The terms of the sale are specified in the Injury Defense Franchise and Agreement, Form #06.027.

"For the Lord your God will bless you just as He promised you; you shall lend to many nations [governments and their officers], but you shall not borrow; you shall reign [civily] over many nations, but they shall not reign [civily] over you."

[Deut. 15:6, Bible, NKJV]

The ability to do the above is protected by the U.S. Constitution and the First Amendment. In theological terms, it is called "sanctification", meaning "set apart for a purpose", and that purpose is to worship and serve ONLY God, rather than His competitor, which is Government. We describe and define people who obey Biblical limitations giving rise to the above as "Non-Resident Non-Persons", "stateless" (in relation to the national but not state government), "foreign", or "sovereign" as described in Non-Resident Non-Person Position, Form #05.020. Black's Law Dictionary defines "commerce" as "intercourse".

"Commerce. ... Intercourse by way of trade and traffic [money instead of semen] between different peoples or states and the citizens or inhabitants thereof, including not only the purchase, sale, and exchange of commodities but also the instrumentalities [governments] and agencies by which it is promoted and the means and appliances by which it is carried on..."


Hence this website advocates a religious refusal to engage in sex or intercourse or commerce with any government. In fact, the Bible even describes people who VIOLATE this prohibition as "playing the harlot" (Ezekiel 16:41) and personifies that harlot as "Babylon the Great Harlot" (Rev. 17:5), which is fornicating with the Beast, which it defines as governments (Rev. 19:19).

I [God] brought you up from Egypt [slavery] and brought you to the land of which I swore to your fathers; and I said, 'I will never break My covenant with you. And you shall make no covenant [contract or franchise or agreement of ANY kind] with the inhabitants of this [corrupt pagan] land; you shall tear down their [man/government worshipping socialist/altars]. But you have not obeyed Me. Why have you done this?

"Therefore I also said, 'I will not drive them out before you; but they will become as thorns [terrorists and persecutors] in your side and their gods will be a snare [slavery!] to you.'"

So it was, when the Angel of the LORD spoke these words to all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voices and wept.
[Judges 2:1-4, Bible, NKJV]

“The king establishes the land by justice. But he who receives bribes [socialist or franchise handouts] overthrows it.”
[Prov. 29:4, Bible, NKJV]

“Many seek the ruler’s favor [franchises and privileges. Form #05.030]. But justice for man comes from the Lord.”
[Prov. 29:26, Bible, NKJV]

“Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend [‘citizen”, “resident”, “taxpayer”, “inhabitant”, or “subject” under a king or political ruler] of the world [or any man-made kingdom other than God’s Kingdom] makes himself an enemy of God.”
[James 4:4, Bible, NKJV]

“You shall make no covenant [contract or franchise] with them [foreigners, pagans], nor with their [pagan government] gods [laws or judges]. They shall not dwell in your land [and you shall not dwell in theirs by becoming a “resident” in the process of contracting with them], lest they make you sin against Me [God]. For if you serve their gods [under contract or agreement or franchise], it will surely be a snare to you.”
[Exodus 23:32-33, Bible, NKJV]

“Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world [the obligations and concerns of the world].”
[James 1:27, Bible, NKJV]

“You shall have no other gods [including political rulers, governments, or Earthly laws] before Me [or My commandments].”
[Exodus 20:3, Bible, NKJV]

“Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel [the priest in a Theocracy] at Ramah, and said to him, ‘Look, you [the priest within a theocracy] are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king [or political ruler] to judge us like all the nations [and be OVER them].’

“But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, ‘Give us a king [or political ruler] to judge us.’ So Samuel prayed to the Lord. And the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have rejected Me [God], that I should not reign over them. According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt, even to this day— with which they have forsaken Me [God as their ONLY King, Lawgiver, and Judge] and served other gods— so they are doing to you also [government or political rulers becoming the object of idolatry].’”
[1 Sam. 8:4-8, Bible, NKJV]

“Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers [the heathens], nor observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their [pagan government] idols. I am the LORD your God: Walk in My statutes, keep My judgments, and do them; hallow My Sabbaths, and they will be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I am the LORD your God.”
[Exodus 20:10-20, Bible, NKJV]
Where is “separation of church and state” when you REALLY need it, keeping in mind that Christians AS INDIVIDUALS are “the church” and secular society is the “state” as legally defined? The John Birch Society agrees with us on the subject of not contracting with anyone in the following video:

Trading Away Your Freedom by Foreign Entanglements
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Q24tWhrRdk

Pastor David Jeremiah of Turning Point Ministries also agrees with us on this subject:

The Church in Satan’s City, March 20, 2016
https://youtu.be/ouJxP05pejQ

President Obama also said that it is the right of EVERYONE to economically AND politically disassociate with the government so why don’t the agencies of the government recognize this fact on EVERY form you use to interact with them?.

President Obama Says US Will NOT Impose Its Political or Economic System on Anyone, Exhibit #05.053
https://youtu.be/2ZROSIPr0

We wrote an entire book on how to economically and politically disassociate in fulfillment of Obama’s promise above, and yet the government hypocritically actively interferes with economically and politically disassociating, in defiance of President Obama’s assurances and promises. HYPOCRITES!

Non-Resident Non-Person Position, Form #05.020

Government’s tendency to compel everyone into a commercial or civil legal relationship (Form #05.002) with them is defined by the Bible as the ESSENCE of Satan himself! The personification of that evil is dramatized in the following video:

Devil’s Advocate: Lawyers
https://sedm.org/what-we-are-up-against/

Therefore, the religious practice and sexual orientation of avoiding commerce with governments is the essence of our religious faith:

“By the abundance of your [Satan’s] trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you. O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones.” (Ezekiel 28:16, Bible, NKJV)

“As religion towards God is a branch of universal righteousness (he is not an honest man that is not devout), so righteousness towards men is a branch of true religion, for he is not a godly man that is not honest, nor can he expect that his devotion should be accepted; for,

1. Nothing is more offensive to God than deceit in commerce. A false balance is here put for all manner of unjust and fraudulent practices [of our public dis-servants] in dealing with any person [within the public], which are all an abomination to the Lord, and render those abominable [hated] to him that allow themselves in the use of such accursed arts of thriving. It is an affront to justice, which God is the patron of, as well as a wrong to our neighbour, whom God is the protector of. Men [in government] make light of such frauds, and think there is no sin in that which there is money to be got by, and, while it passes undiscovered, they cannot blame themselves for it; a blot is no blot till it is hit, Hos. 12:7, 8. But they are not the less an abomination to God, who will be the avenger of those that are defrauded by their brethren.

2. Nothing is more pleasing to God than fair and honest dealing, nor more necessary to make us and our devotions acceptable to him: A just weight is his delight. He himself goes by a just weight, and holds the scale of judgment with an even hand, and therefore is pleased with those that are herein followers of him.
A [false] balance, \textit{whether it be in the federal courtroom or in the government or in the marketplace,} cheats, under pretense of doing right most exactly, and therefore is the greater abomination to God."

[Matthew Henry’s Commentary on the Whole Bible; Henry, M., 1996, c1991, under Prov. 11:1]

Any individual, group, or especially government worker that makes us the target of discrimination, violence, "selective enforcement", or hate because of this form of religious practice or "sexual orientation" or abstinance is practicing HATE SPEECH based BOTH on our religious beliefs AND our sexual orientation as legally defined. Furthermore, all readers and governments are given reasonable timely notice that the terms of use for the information and services available through this website mandate that any attempt to compel us into a commercial or tax relationship with any government shall constitute:

2. A waiver of official, judicial, and sovereign immunity.
3. A commercial invasion within the meaning of Article 4, section 4 of the United States Constitution.
4. A tort cognizable as a Fifth Amendment taking without compensation.
5. A criminal attempt at identity theft by wrongfully associating us with a civil status of "citizen", "resident", "taxpayer", etc.
6. Duress as legally defined. See Affidavit of Duress: Illegal Tax Enforcement by De Facto Officers, Form #02.005.
7. Express consent to the terms of this disclaimer.

The GOVERNMENT crimes documented on this website fall within the ambit of 18 U.S.C. §2381: Treason. The penalty mandated by law for these crimes is DEATH. We demand that actors in the Department of Justice for both the states and the federal government responsible for prosecuting these crimes of Treason do so as required by law. A FAILURE to do so is ALSO an act of Treason punishable by death. Since murder is not only a crime, but a violent crime, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1111, then the government itself can also be classified as terrorist. It is also ludicrous to call people who demand the enforcement of the death penalty for the crimes documented as terrorists. If that were true, every jurist who sat on a murder trial in which the death penalty applied would also have to be classified as and prosecuted as a terrorist. Hypocrites.

For those members seeking to prosecute government actors practicing hate speech or hate crime against them as documented here, see the following resource:

Discrimination and Racism page. Section 5: Hate Speech and Hate Crime; [link here]

[SEDM Disclaimer, Sections 9-10; SOURCE: http://sedm.org/disclaimer.htm]

3.7 Do you distribute knowingly false legal information? Some in government have accused you of misleading the public about legal subjects.

Everything the SEDM ministry publishes and produces, in fact, was created precisely because:

1. There is NOTHING available from other than the law itself or the U.S. Supreme Court that any court says you can rely on as legal evidence sustaining a reasonable belief of what the law requires you to do.
2. We want you to have SOMETHING to rely on OTHER than simply a BELIEF or PRESUMPTION. Those who operate upon presumption are implementing a state sponsored religion in violation of the First Amendment.
3. Most of what is available from sources other than the government on the subjects we cover is not only untrustworthy, but downright false and fraudulent in most cases.

Nearly everything we provide to prove the points we make is admissible as evidence in a legal proceeding because it derives from a source that the GOVERNMENT says is credible and doesn't rely on anything that we or anyone else says or believe.

If you would like to watch a training video on the main techniques that corrupted and covetous governments use to:

1. Abuse law from a legislatively foreign jurisdiction essentially as irrelevant political propaganda.
2. Enslave and terrorize people they are supposed to be protecting.
3. Deceive the public about what the law requires.
4. Usurp jurisdiction in a legislatively foreign state.
5. Kidnap the legal identity of otherwise private Americans and recruit them to the service of the state without compensation as compelled public officers.
“Unlike members of political parties, members of the Communist Party are recruited for indoctrination [in the public schools by homosexuals, liberals, and socialists] with respect to its objectives and methods, and are organized, instructed, and disciplined [by the IRS and a corrupted judiciary] to carry into action slavishly the assignments given them by their hierarchical chieftains. Unlike political parties, the Communist Party acknowledges no constitutional or statutory limitations upon its conduct or upon that of its members. The Communist Party is relatively small numerically, and gives scant indication of capacity ever to attain its ends by lawful political means.” [50 U.S.C. §841]

6. Break down the constitutional separation between the states and the national government. See:
   
   Government Conspiracy to Destroy the Separation of Powers, Form #05.023
   http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

7. Slander dissidents.

   …then please watch the following excellent video that we prepared on the subject. The video identifies the main tools of propaganda upon which most of the false arguments and propaganda documented herein are based:

   Foundations of Freedom, Form #12.021, Video 4: Willful Government Deception and Propaganda
   YOUTUBE: https://youtu.be/hPWMfa_oD-w
   FORMS PAGE: http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

3.8 Do you call yourself “sovereign citizens”?

We argue that the term “sovereign citizen” is an oxymoron and that anyone who uses this term to describe themselves betrays their own legal ignorance and invites persecution. The short answer is:

1. We don’t identify ourselves as "sovereign citizens".
2. Our Disclaimer, Section 8, says we condemn any and all terrorist activities, and especially GOVERNMENT terrorist activities. Anything done to us without our clear express consent and under the authority of the civil law represents terrorist activities, as we prove in Form #05.003, Section 1.7:
   http://sedm.org/disclaimer.htm
3. By their own definition, those in the present de facto government are terrorists. See:
   Ministry Introduction, Form #12.014, pp. 7-12
   FORMS PAGE: http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm
   DIRECT LINK: http://sedm.org/Ministry/MinistryIntro.pdf
4. We extensively prove using the government’s own laws and codes that the present de facto government are “terrorists” as legally defined, and not us. See:
   De Facto Government Scam, Form #05.043
   FORMS PAGE: http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm
   DIRECT LINK: http://sedm.org/Forms/05-MemLaw/DeFactoGov.pdf
5. The following book, chapters 5 and 6, identifies the illegal enforcement of the Internal Revenue Code by a rogue private corporation that is not even part of the government as “terrorism”. It also identifies the District of Columbia, which Mark Twain calls the “District of Criminals”, as a haven for international financial terrorists:
   Great IRS Hoax, Form #11.302, Chapters 5 and 6
   FORMS PAGE: http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm
   DIRECT LINK: http://famguardian.org/Publications/GreatIRSHoax/GreatIRSHoax.htm
6. Our Member Agreement identifies GOD as the ONLY sovereign. Hence, all such accusations constitute hate speech directed against a religion, which is a CRIME.
   Member Agreement, Form #01.001, Section 1.2, Item 4
   FORMS PAGE: http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm
   DIRECT LINK: http://sedm.org/Membership/MemberAgreement.htm

We regard a “sovereign” as someone who is self-governing and not civilly governed externally by others. A “citizen” is a subject and inhabitant of a specific government. One cannot be a “SUBJECT” and a “SOVEREIGN” at the same time. Subjects are among the governed. Sovereigns are the governors. In our republican form of government, the only “subjects” for civil acts of Congress are, in fact, public officers within the government and not private human beings. The U.S. Supreme
Court has acknowledged that THE PEOPLE are the sovereigns in this country, and hence, the only “subjects” are our public servants:

"Whatever these Constitutions and laws validly determine to be property, it is the duty of the Federal Government, through the domain of jurisdiction merely Federal, to recognize to be property.

"And this principle follows from the structure of the respective Governments, State and Federal, and their reciprocal relations. They are different agents and trustees of the people of the several States, appointed with different powers and with distinct purposes, but whose acts, within the scope of their respective jurisdictions, are mutually obligatory."

[Dred Scott v. Sandford, 60 U.S. 393 (1856)]

Human beings in America who are in fact truly “sovereign” must instead describe themselves as:

1. Constitutional “Citizens”.
3. “non-resident non-persons”.
4. NOT any of the following:
   4.1. “Subjects” of the government they claim to sovereign and independent toward.
   4.2. Domiciled, resident, or in any way associated with the statutory but not constitutional “United States” defined in 26 U.S.C. §7701(a)(9) and (a)(10) and 4 U.S.C. §110(d).
   4.5. “Inhabitants”, which includes statutory “citizens” and “residents”.
   4.7. Statutory “U.S. Persons” per 26 U.S.C. §7701(a)(30), all of which are federal instrumentalities and/or public offices within the U.S. government.
   4.9. “Individuals” per 26 C.F.R. §1.1441-1(c), who are all statutory “aliens”.
4.10. ANYTHING in government law OTHER than that described herein.

Those readers who want to learn more about the distinctions between all the above statuses are encouraged to read an exhaustive treatment of the subject in the following document:

Why You are a “national”, “state national”, and Constitutional but not Statutory Citizen, Form #05.006
http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) defines the “Sovereign Citizen Movement” as follows:

(U) sovereign citizen movement : (U//FOUO)

A rightwing extremist movement composed of groups or individuals who reject the notion of U.S. citizenship.
They claim to follow only what they believe to be God’s law or common law and the original 10 amendments (Bill of Rights) to the U.S. Constitution. They believe they are emancipated from all other responsibilities associated with being a U.S. citizen, such as paying taxes, possessing a driver’s license and motor vehicle registration, or holding a social security number. They generally do not recognize federal or state government authority or laws.
Several sovereign citizen groups in the United States produce fraudulent documents for their members in lieu of legitimate government-issued forms of identification. Members have been known to advocate or engage in criminal activity and plot acts of violence and terrorism in an attempt to advance their extremist goals. They often target government officials and law enforcement. (also: state citizens, freemen, preamble citizens, common law citizens)

[Domestic Extremism Lexicon, Dept. of Homeland Security Document #IA-0233-09, p. 9]:

The ministry clearly does not satisfy the above definition because:

1. We do not “reject the notion of U.S. citizenship”, but rather statutory citizenship. Statutory citizenship is connected with domicile on federal territory while constitutional citizenship is connected with nationality and NOT domicile. We can prove that there are two types of citizens: Constitutional and Statutory, and that you can’t be both at the same time. We are Constitutional “citizens of the United States***”, where “U.S.” implies states of the Union and excludes federal territory. Statutory “citizens and nationals of the United States” as defined in 8 U.S.C. §1401, on the other
hand, are born on federal territory that is no part of any state of the Union and are domiciled there. The reason for this
distinction is because the separation of powers separates state and federal civil jurisdiction so that each jurisdiction has
citizens of its own. Public servants deliberately and self-serveingly try to confuse these two types of “U.S. citizens”
mainly because they want to STEAL from you by creating the false presumption that you, as someone protected by the
Constitution, reside in a place not protected by the Constitution. In effect, they are trying to legally kidnap your
identity from the protections of the Constitution and drag you into the federal zone so they can rape you by deceiving
you into joining a completely different political group using “words of art”. Whether the kidnapping is physical or
legal, the result is the same. Such an act of legal kidnapping is a criminal violation of 18 U.S.C. §1201 and also
constitutes an act of international terrorism, because the states of the Union are “nations” as held by the U.S. Supreme
Court. See:
1.1. Government Conspiracy to Destroy the Separation of Powers, Form #05.023-describes deliberate efforts to
destroy your Constitutional rights by public servants by breaking down the separation of powers that is the heart
of the United States Constitution.
http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm
1.2. Why You are a “national”, “state national”, and Constitutional but not Statutory Citizen, Form #05.006-
describes the two types of “U.S. citizens” and how they are often deliberately confused because of GREED.
http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm
2. We do not believe that we are only required to follow the first ten Amendments to the United States Constitution.
Instead, we recognize the authority of the entire constitution as a limitation upon the government and NOT the people.
We also see all federal civil law as a limitation upon the conduct of government “employees” and officers but not
private human beings. Only the criminal code of the constitutional state you are physically in is “public law” and is
relevant to the average American. Otherwise, federal civil statutory code is contract law or what the courts call
“private international law” limited to those who consent to it by choosing a domicile therein and we choose not to
consent to said domicile. It’s not a crime nor is it un-American to withhold our consent to become a “protected
person” subject to the civil law or a “customer” of government protection called a “citizen” or “resident”. Government
is a business that delivers protection, and like any other business, a refusal to do business cannot and should not be
treated as a crime. The First Amendment, in fact, protects us from “freedom from compelled association” under the
common law and gives us a judicial remedy without becoming subject to federal civil law because it attaches to the
land we stand on, and not our civil or citizenship status.

“It is locality that is determinative of the application of the Constitution, in such matters as judicial procedure,
and not the status of the people who live in it.”
[Balzac v. Porto Rico, 258 U.S. 298(1922)]

For further supporting evidence, see:
2.1. Why Statutory Civil Law is Law for Government and Not Private Persons, Form #05.037
http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm
2.2. What is “law”? Form #05.048.
http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm
2.3. Requirement for Consent, Form #05.003
http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm
3. We do not believe we are “emancipated from the responsibilities associated with being a U.S. citizen”, but rather the
responsibilities of being subject to federal civil statutory franchise codes or being a statutory but not constitutional
“U.S. citizen” as defined in 8 U.S.C. §1401. Because of the separation of powers, federal civil law has no jurisdiction
within the borders of a constitutional but not statutory “State” but tyrants greedy for power have tried to destroy the
separation of powers by playing games with “words of art” in order to unlawfully and unconstitutionally enforce
federal law within the borders of the sovereign states. This tendency, by the way, was the same reason behind the
American civil war and separation from Great Britain, as documented in the Declaration of Independence. This is
explained in:
3.1. Federal Enforcement Authority Within States of the Union, Form #05.032
http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm
3.2. Federal Jurisdiction, Form #05.018
http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm
4. We do recognize the authority of state and federal statutes, but only over those who are consensually occupying public
offices in the government, consensually engaged in government franchises AND who are also domiciled and physically
present on federal territory and therefore participating in the government’s “protection franchise”. Otherwise, the U.S.
Supreme Court has repeatedly held that:
4.1. The ability to regulate private (as opposed to public) conduct is “repugnant to the constitution".
“The power to "legislate generally upon" life, liberty, and property, as opposed to the "power to provide modes of redress" against offensive state action, was "repugnant" to the Constitution. Id., at 15. See also United States v. Reese, 92 U.S. 214, 218 (1876); United States v. Harris, 106 U.S. 629, 630 (1883); James v. Bowman, 190 U.S. 127, 139 (1903). Although the specific holdings of these early cases might have been superseded or modified, see, e.g., Heart of Atlanta Motel, Inc. v. United States, 379 U.S. 241 (1964); United States v. Guest, 383 U.S. 745 (1966), their treatment of Congress' §5 power as corrective or preventive, not definitive, has not been questioned.”

[CITY OF ROCHESTER v. FLOREZ, ARCHBISHOP OF SAN ANTONIO, 521 U.S. 507 (1997)]

“The restrictions that the Constitution places upon the government in its capacity as lawmaker, i.e., as the regulator of private conduct, are not the same as the restrictions that it places upon the government in its capacity as employer. We have recognized this in many contexts, with respect to many different constitutional guarantees. Private citizens perhaps cannot be prevented from wearing long hair, but policemen can. Kelley v. Johnson, 425 U.S. 238, 247 (1976). Private citizens cannot have their property searched without probable cause, but in many circumstances government employees can. O'Connor v. Ortega, 480 U.S. 709, 732 (1987) (plurality opinion); id., at 732 (SCALIA, J., concurring in judgment). Private citizens cannot be punished for refusing to provide the government information that may incriminate them, but government employees can be dismissed when the incriminating information that they refuse to provide relates to the performance of their job. Gardner v. Broderick, [497 U.S. 62, 95] 392 U.S. 273, 277-278 (1968). With regard to freedom of speech in particular:


4.2. The government is without authority to impose any civil obligation upon anyone not domiciled within their territory and not consensually engaged in their franchises because this constitutes slavery and involuntary servitude in violation of the Thirteenth Amendment.

“... that does not conflict with the Thirteenth Amendment, which abolished slavery and involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime, is too clear for argument. Slavery implies involuntary servitude—a state of bondage; the ownership of mankind as a chattel, or at least the control of the labor and services of one man for the benefit of another, and the absence of a legal right to the disposal of his own person, property, and services [in their entirety]. This amendment was said in the Slaughter House Cases, 16 Wall, 36, to have been intended primarily to abolish slavery, as it had been previously known in this country, and that it equally forbade Mexican peonage or the Chinese coolie trade, when they amounted to slavery or involuntary servitude and that the use of the word 'servitude' was intended to prohibit the use of all forms of involuntary slavery, of whatever class or name."

[Plessy v. Ferguson, 163 U.S. 537, 542 (1896)]

“The constitutionality and scope of sections 1990 and 5526 present the first questions for our consideration. They prohibit peonage. What is peonage? It may be defined as a state or condition of compulsory service, based upon the indebtedness of the peon to the master. The basic fact is indebtedness. As said by Judge Benedict, delivering the opinion in Jaremillo v. Romero, 1 N.Mex. 196, 194: ‘One fact existed universally; all were indebted to their masters. This was the cord by which they seemed bound to their masters’ service.’ Upon this is based a condition of compulsory service. Peonage is sometimes classified as voluntary or involuntary, but this implies simply a difference in the mode of origin, but not in the character of the servitude. The one exists where the debtor voluntarily contracts to enter the service of his creditor. The other is forced upon the debtor by some provision of law. But peonage, however created, is compulsory service, involuntary servitude. The peon can release himself therefrom, it is true, by the payment of the debt, but otherwise the service is enforced. A clear distinction exists between peonage and the voluntary performance of labor or rendering of services in payment of a debt. In the latter case the debtor, though contracting to pay his indebtedness by labor or service, and subject like any other contractor to an action for damages for breach of that contract, can elect at any time to break it, and no law or force compels performance or continuance of the service.”

[Chatt v. U.S., 197 U.S. 207 (1905)]

Note that “taxes” are classified by the IRS as “debts” within the meaning of the above. The constitution cannot conflict with itself, so the only rational conclusion you can reach from the above is that you have to volunteer somehow to become a “taxpayer” and therefore a “public officer”. Those who don’t volunteer are called “non-resident non-persons” not engaged in a “trade or business” whose estate is a “foreign estate” within the meaning of 26 U.S.C. §7701(a)(31). For proof, see:

**Why Domicile and Becoming a “Taxpayer” Require Your Consent, Form #05.002**

[http://sedm.org/Forms/Example.htm](http://sedm.org/Forms/Example.htm)

We instead argue that any attempt to compel the participation of anyone in a government franchise, or to compel the conversion of rights protected by the Constitution into statutory “privileges” under a franchise agreement, is an
unconstitutional conspiracy against rights. This includes franchises such as Social Security, Medicare, and the income tax.

"It has long been established that a State may not impose a penalty upon those who exercise a right guaranteed by the Constitution." Frost & Frost Trucking Co. v. Railroad Comm'n of California, 271 U.S. 583. "Constitutional rights would be of little value if they could be indirectly denied." Smith v. Allwright, 321 U.S. 649, 644, or manipulated out of existence." Gomillon v. Lightfoot, 364 U.S. 339, 345."

[Harman v. Forssenius, 380 U.S. 528 at 540, 85 S.Ct. 1177, 1185 (1965)]

5. The article above talks about "government authority", as if to imply that the state and federal corporations running the show now are in fact "government", as constitutionally defined. It is FRAUD to even claim that there still is any real "government" in a legal sense. The following document proves with the rulings of the Supreme Court and federal statutes that the original de jure state and federal governments established by the United States of America Constitution have, in fact, been declared bankrupt and replaced with private, for profit corporations millions of times more evil than the Enron fraud and that you are being LIED to about this fact. Constitutional "States" have been replaced with federal corporation franchises. What used to be a sovereign American is now nothing but an officer or "employee" of the de facto private federal corporation that fraudulently represents itself as "government". In effect, the de facto tyrants running the show have abused their authority and discretion to outlaw private rights and private property. There was a silent coup, and they have carefully kept it secret from you, folks. What are you going to do about it?

| Corporatization and Privatization of the Government, Form #05.024 | http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm |

6. We do not produce fraudulent ID for our members. We do, however, regard ID issued by the present de facto governments as fraudulent, because you have to LAWFULLY be acting as a public officer when you are issued it. The need for ID documents separate and apart from those issued by the present de facto government, however, is the product of unlawful and discriminatory policies by the present de facto state and federal governments. State and federal governments presently:

6.1. Unlawfully deprive those who do not fraudulently declare a domicile on federal territory or a connection with some public franchise of the ability to conduct commerce to support their family and this is a violation of the equal protection of the laws mandated by the Constitution.

6.2. Refuse to recognize the right of self-government declared in the Declaration of Independence to form your own government and issue your own private ID. No entity deserves to be called a “government” that refuses to recognize the EQUAL right of EVERYONE to peacefully govern themselves to the exclusion of others guaranteed by the Declaration of Independence without having to institute violence or force against anyone. The Declaration of Independence, in fact, makes it our DUTY to form our own government if the one we have does not meet our needs.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new [SELF] Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

[Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson]

6.3. Refuse to recognize, permit, or protect private ID or ID issued by families, churches, or private groups not associated with the government.

6.4. Refuse to publish standards for the issuance of PRIVATE ID for use by financial institutions and employers.

6.5. Refuse to prosecute financial institutions and employers for discrimination who fail to recognize or accept private ID while acting as government officers called “withholding agents”.

For further details on this subject, see section 12 for the methods by which Americans are unlawfully compelled to fraudulently declare a domicile on federal territory that they have never visited:

| Why Domicile and Becoming a “Taxpayer” Require Your Consent, Form #05.002 | http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm |

7. The SEDM ministry, in fact, was founded to PREVENT terrorism and violent activity, not promote it. We do not sanction or condone criminal or violent or terrorist activity and seek to punish and prosecute it when instigated by government workers. Our Disclaimer expressly prohibits the use of our materials for any such purposes. See:

http://sedm.org/disclaimer.htm

The U.S. Supreme Court recognized these two distinct types of “citizens” when it held the following:
“The 1st section of the 14th Article [Fourteenth Amendment], to which our attention is more specifically invited, opens with a definition of citizenship—not only citizenship of the United States[***], but citizenship of the states. No such definition was previously found in the Constitution, nor had any attempt been made to define it by act of Congress. It had been the occasion of much discussion in the courts, by the executive departments and in the public journals. It had been said by eminent judges that no man was a citizen of the United States[***] except as he was a citizen of one of the states composing the Union. Those therefore, who had been born and resided always in the District of Columbia or in the territories [as statutory “U.S. citizens” pursuant to 8 U.S.C. §1401], though within the United States[***], were not [CONSTITUTIONAL] citizens. Whether this proposition was sound or not had never been judicially decided.”

[Slaughter-House Cases, 83 U.S. (16 Wall.) 36, 21 L.Ed. 394 (1873)]

The deliberate confusion between constitutional and statutory citizens self-servingly introduced by the judicial department is designed to destroy the separation of powers, consolidate all power into Washington, D.C., and destroy personal and state sovereignty. This was predicted by Thomas Jefferson and all his predictions have prophetically come true through the abuse of “words of art” and judicial verbicide intended to confuse and deceive the populace:

“Our government is now taking so steady a course as to show by what road it will pass to destruction; to wit: by consolidation first and then corruption, its necessary consequence. The engine of consolidation will be the Federal judiciary; the two other branches the corrupting and corrupted instruments.”

[Thomas Jefferson to Nathaniel Macon, 1821. ME 15:341 ]

“The [federal] judiciary branch is the instrument which, working like gravity, without intermission, is to press us at last into one consolidated mass.”

[Thomas Jefferson to Archibald Treadway, 1821. ME 15:307]

“There is no danger I apprehend so much as the consolidation of our government by the noiseless and therefore unalarming instrumentality of the Supreme Court.”

[Thomas Jefferson to William Johnson, 1823. ME 15:421 ]

3.9 What is your approach towards “government”

Both the Supreme Court in Proprietors of Charles River Bridge v. Proprietors of Warren Bridge, 36 U.S. 420 (1837) and the U.S. Code in 28 U.S.C. §3002(15)(A) admit that all governments are “corporations” and therefore for-profit businesses. We believe that government should therefore be run like any other capitalist business and that they should strictly obey their corporate charter, the United States Constitution. All the patriot rhetoric you read on the internet about freedom, sovereignty, and taxation really boils down to this one important issue. The product government "sells" to the public is "protection", and like any other business, it cannot and should not be allowed to FORCE people to buy its product. Government should also not be able to criminalize non-payment for its services in the form of “taxes”, since no other business can. To do otherwise is to:

1. Interfere with our sovereign right to contract or not contract as we see fit. This is a protected right under Article 1, Section 10 of the Constitution.
2. Deprive "nontaxpayers" of equal protection.
3. Encourage an irresponsible government that is not completely and directly accountable to the people.
4. Destroy self-government of the people and compel government dependency and slavery in violation of the Thirteenth Amendment by interfering with the ability of individuals and families to support themselves.

“The power to tax is the power to destroy.”

[John Marshall, U.S. Supreme Court Justice, McCulloch v. Maryland, 4 Wheat, 316, 431]

“The great principle is this: because the constitution will not permit a state to destroy, it will not permit a law [including “judge-made law] involving the power to destroy [self-government by families or individuals].”

[Providence Bank v. Billings, 29 U.S. 514 (1830)]

The purpose of taxation is to fund the institutionalized process of providing "protection". Like any other business, we believe that people should always have the right to only pay government for what they individually want and need and have contracted in writing to receive, including in the area of "protection". If the government “protection corporation” can write a law stating that any contract with any government agent not reduced to writing is void and unenforceable, then certainly we as sovereign Americans who delegated ALL of their authority to them must have the EQUAL right to demand the SAME EQUAL protection from the government in our relationship with it:
"Every man is supposed to know the law. A party who makes a contract with an officer [of the government] without having it reduced to writing is knowingly accessory to a violation of duty on his part. Such a party aids in the violation of the law."

[Clark v. United States, 95 U.S. 539 (1877)]

It is NOT enough for the government to say that since we availed ourselves of the "benefits" of their services, we consent to be subject to ALL government jurisdiction and ALL CIVIL services, because this deprives us of choice of rejecting and not paying for specific types of protection that we think are harmful rather than protective:

CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE
DIVISION 3. OBLIGATIONS
PART 2. CONTRACTS
CHAPTER 3. CONSENT

1589. A voluntary acceptance of the benefit of a transaction is equivalent to a consent to all the obligations arising from it, so far as the facts are known, or ought to be known, to the person accepting.

At the same time, we believe that the protection services that people decide to use from the government should always be paid for in full and refusal to pay should be nothing more than a civil matter to be handled in civil court as a matter of contract, and not right. If the government receives more money than it needs to deliver only the CIVIL services demanded in writing by the citizen, then it should reduce the tax rate and refund the money.

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Section 4: Meaning of Words

4.6. Civil Service

The term "civil service" or "civil service fee" relates to any and all activities of "government" OTHER than:

1. Police.
3. Jail.
5. Common law court.

"civil service" and "civil service fee" includes any attempt or act to:

1. Establish or enforce a domicile (Form #05.002).
2. Procure consent (Form #05.003) of any kind to alienate rights that are supposed to be INALIENABLE per the Declaration of Independence.
3. PRESUME consent (Form #05.003) to surrender INALIENABLE PRIVATE RIGHTS by virtue of submitting, accepting, or receiving any application for a government benefit, license, or franchise. See Form #12.023.
4. Convert PRIVATE property or PRIVATE rights to PUBLIC property, PUBLIC offices, or excise taxable franchises. See Form #12.025. Government's FIRST and most important duty is to at all times maintain TOTAL separation between PRIVATE and PUBLIC and NEVER to allow them to convert one to another. Every attempt to convert one to the other represents a criminal financial conflict of interest that turns the PUBLIC trust into a SHAM trust.
5. Offer or enforce the civil statutory code.
6. Offer or enforce civil franchises (see Form #05.030).

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Every government CIVIL service should have a price tag and people should sign up for what they want and need and pay only for that and nothing more. If they don't have children, for instance, then the public school assessment should be deducted from their property tax bill.

The means of contracting with government to provide CIVIL "protection" occurs when one chooses, absent duress, their domicile or "residence" (see 26 C.F.R. §1.871-2(b)) on a government form to be within the jurisdiction of a specific government. Those who are party to such a protection contract are called "taxpayers", "citizens", "inhabitants" or "residents", all of whom have selected a "permanent abode" and therefore committed to a continuing or indefinite contractual relationship of mutual support, allegiance, and "protection" between them and the government. The courts try to disguise the nature of this transaction as a contract by deceitfully calling it a “compact”, but that doesn’t change the essential nature of it:
"Thus, the Court has frequently held that domicile or residence, more substantial than mere presence in transit or sojourn, is an adequate basis for taxation, including income, property, and death taxes. Since the Fourteenth Amendment makes one a citizen of the state wherein he resides, the fact of residence creates universally reciprocal duties of protection by the state and of allegiance and support by the citizen. The latter obviously includes a duty to pay taxes, and their nature and measure is largely a political matter." [Miller Brothers Co. v. Maryland, 347 U.S. 340 (1954)]

"In Europe, the executive is synonymous with the sovereign power of a state...where it is too commonly acquired by force or fraud, or both...In America, however the case is widely different. Our government is founded upon compact. Sovereignty was, and is, in the people (as individuals: that's you!)." [Glass v. The Sloop Betsy, 3 (U.S.) Dall 6]

Those who are not party to this "protection contract" or "compact" are called "transient foreigners" and "nonresidents".


That process of contractual consent must be voluntary and fully informed, if we are expected to give up any of our natural or Constitutional rights to life, liberty, or property in order to procure it.

"The question of a waiver of a federally guaranteed constitutional right is, of course, a federal question controlled by federal law. There is a presumption against the waiver of constitutional rights, see, e.g. Glasser v. United States, 314 U.S. 60, 70-71, 86 L.Ed. 680, 699, 62 S.Ct. 457, and for a waiver to be effective it must be clearly established that there was an 'intentional relinquishment or abandonment of a known right or privilege,' Johnson v. Zerbst, 304 U.S. 458, 464, 82 L.Ed. 1461, 1466, 58 S.Ct. 1019, 146 A.L.R. 357." [Brookhart v. Janis, 384 U.S. 1; 86 S.Ct. 1245; 16 L.Ed2d. 314 (1966)]

"Waivers of Constitutional rights not only must be voluntary, but must be knowing, intelligent acts done with sufficient awareness of the relevant circumstances and likely consequences." [Brady v. U.S., 397 U.S. 742 (1970)]

Furthermore, since the Declaration of Independence says our rights are "unalienable", then we are legally forbidden to contract them away.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,--" [Declaration of Independence]


Therefore, only those domiciled on federal territory not protected by the Constitution and who are called statutory "U.S. citizens" pursuant to 8 U.S.C. §1401 rather than constitutional "Citizens" pursuant to the Fourteenth Amendment, can even enter into such a contract or compact lawfully.

"Indeed, the practical interpretation put by Congress upon the Constitution has been long continued and uniform to the effect [182 U.S. 244, 279] that the Constitution is applicable to territories acquired by purchase or conquest, only when and so far as Congress shall so direct. Notwithstanding its duty to 'guarantee to every state in this Union a republican form of government' (art. 4, 4), by which we understand, according to the definition of Webster, 'a government in which the supreme power resides in the whole body of the people, and is exercised by representatives elected by them,' Congress did not hesitate, in the original organization of the territories of Louisiana, Florida, the Northwest Territory, and its subdivisions of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin and still more recently in the case of Alaska, to establish a form of government bearing a much greater analogy to a British Crown colony than a republican state of America, and to vest the legislative power either in a governor and council, or a governor and judges, to be appointed by the President. It was not until they had attained a certain population that power was given them to organize a legislature by vote of the people. In all these cases, as well as in territories subsequently organized west of the Mississippi, Congress thought it necessary either to extend to Constitution and laws of the United States over them, or to declare that the inhabitants should be entitled to enjoy the right of trial by jury, of bail, and of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus, as well as other privileges of the bill of rights."
[Downes v. Bidwell, 182 U.S. 244 (1901)]
If you would like to know all the devious methods by which “words of art”, judicial verbicide, and deception are maliciously abused to confuse Constitutional and statutory “citizens” with each other so as to destroy the separation of powers and your constitutional rights that are protected by this separation and how to argue against it, please see:

1. **Legal Deception, Propaganda, and Fraud**, Form #05.014
   http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm
2. **Rules of Presumption and Statutory Interpretation**, Litigation Tool #01.006- use this in litigation against the government to prevent abuse of government verbicide that will undermine your rights.
   http://sedm.org/Litigation/LitIndex.htm
3. **Flawed Tax Arguments to Avoid**, Form #08.004, Sections 8.1 and 8.13
   http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

The right and requirement for a person to contractually consent in writing to government protection also implies the right to NOT consent or contract, which means that if we don't contract with the government to provide protection because we think their form of protection is actually harmful, then we cease to have the duty to pay taxes to support the protection that we don't want. This is the very foundation of all free governments: Consent of the governed. A government that compels you (by threat of criminal sanctions, no less!) into a commercial relationship with them in order to procure protection that you don't want, don't need, and actually regard and define as harmful and not protective is interfering with your right to contract and acting as a mafia "protection racket" in violation of Article I, Section 10 of the Constitution and 18 U.S.C. §1951. If you are a person who doesn't want and doesn't need government services, it ought to be a simple matter to fill out a form and send it into the government, notifying them that they are “fired” as your protector and that you don't want and don't need their services and will provide your own protection.

"The determination of the Framers Convention and the ratifying conventions to preserve complete and unimpaired state [and personal] self-government in all matters not committed to the general government is one of the plainest facts which emerges from the history of their deliberations. And adherence to that determination is incumbent equally upon the federal government and the states."
(Carter v. Carter Coal Co., 298 U.S. 238 (1936))

This promotes competition, efficiency, and accountability in government. To approach the protection issue any other way is to sanction compelled association in violation of the First Amendment to the corporate charter called the United States Constitution. See the article below which very clearly explains this:

**Why Domicile and Becoming a “Taxpayer” Require Your Consent**, Form #05.002
http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

The only reason anyone in the government would argue with our approach is because:

1. They don’t want to be accountable to anyone.
2. They don’t want you to have any control over how much you have to pay for their protection or whether you pay at all.
3. They seek to be unequal and superior and to rule from above rather than to serve from below as the Bible requires:

   Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, “Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations (and be OVER them)”.  

   But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to judge us.” So Samuel prayed to the Lord. And the Lord said to Samuel, “Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have rejected Me [God], that I should not reign over them. According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt, even to this day—with which they have forsaken Me and served other gods (Kings, in this case)—so they are doing to you also [government becoming idolatry]. Now therefore, heed their voice. However, you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the behavior of the king who will reign over them.”

   So Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who asked him for a king. And he said, “This will be the behavior of the king who will reign over you: He will take [STEAL] your sons and appoint them for his own chariots and to be his horsemen, and some will run before his chariots. He will appoint captains over his thousands and captains over his fifties, will set some to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and some to make his weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. He will take [STEAL] your daughters to be perfumers, cooks, and bakers. And he will take [STEAL] the best of your fields, your vineyards, and your olive groves, and give them to his servants. He will take [STEAL] a tenth of your grain and your vintage, and give it to his officers and servants. And he will take [STEAL] your male servants, your female servants, your finest
young men, and your donkeys, and put them to his work [as SLAVES]. He will take [STEAL] a tenth of your sheep. And you will be his servants. And you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, and the LORD will not hear you in that day.”

Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, “No, but we will have a king over us, that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

[1 Sam. 8:4-20, Bible, NKJV]

Let us never forget that the American Revolution began on the basis of taxation without representation. Those who don’t associate politically or legally with a specific political group called a state by voluntarily choosing a domicile within that specific state are called “transient foreigners”, “non-residents”, statutory “non-resident non-persons”, and “nontaxpayers” not subject to the civil laws of that state rather than a statutory “citizen” or a “resident”. As a “transient foreigner”, anyone who tries to impose or collect a tax upon such a person is taxing them without representation because they didn’t elect the governing authority into office and thereby consent to be protected by them, and cannot lawfully participate as either a jurist or a voter to supervise the activities of those who protect them. Hence, we have taxation without representation.

The fact that someone is a “nonresident” or a “transient foreigner” in respect to federal and not state jurisdiction doesn’t make them a lawless or anti-government person, but a SELF-governing person as the founding fathers intended. The purpose of the Constitution is to PROTECT the right of self-government, not take it away or to effectively outlaw personal responsibility, and certainly not to disrespect the equal right of all to govern, support, protect, and tax only the groups they consent to join voluntarily.

“We of this mighty western Republic have to grapple with the dangers that spring from popular self-government tried on a scale incomparably vaster than ever before in the history of mankind, and from an abounding material prosperity greater also than anything which the world has hitherto seen.

As regards the first set of dangers, it behooves us to remember that men can never escape being governed. Either they must govern themselves or they must submit to being governed by others. If from lawlessness or fickleness, from folly or self-indulgence, they refuse to govern themselves then most assuredly in the end they will have to be governed from the outside. They can prevent the need of government from without only by showing they possess the power of government from within. A sovereign cannot make excuses for his failures; a sovereign must accept the responsibility for the exercise of power that inheres in him; and where, as is true in our Republic, the people are sovereign, then the people must show a sober understanding and a sane and steadfast purpose if they are to preserve that orderly liberty upon which as a foundation every republic must rest.”

[President Theodore Roosevelt; Opening of the Jamestown Exposition; Norfolk, VA, April 26, 1907]

Accountable government that is forced to compete in an open marketplace to efficiently and cost-effectively protect the people and provide ONLY the CIVIL services expressly demanded in writing. What a novel and TERRORIST idea! If George Washington and Thomas Jefferson were measured by today’s corrupted standards, the British would have sent them to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, let them rot for years in jail without even accusing them of a crime, and prosecuted them as terrorists. We know who the REAL terrorists are. Mark Twain satirically called these terrorists “the District of Criminals” and placed their location in the District of Columbia, which is a haven for financial terrorists. Article 4, Section 4 of the Constitution FORBIDS such economic terrorism not only by foreign governments, but by the United States Government itself:

United States Constitution
Article IV: States Relations
Section 4. Obligations of United States to States

The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion; and on Application of the Legislature, or of the Executive (when the Legislature cannot be convened) against domestic Violence.

[Constitution of the United States, Article 4, Section 4]

The federal “franchise courts”, which aren’t even really courts but administrative agencies in the executive and not judicial branch of the government, have become a protection racket for an organized crime ring to spread federal slavery. The method by which the federal courts have been deliberately and systematically corrupted over the last 100 years as Thomas Jefferson prophetically predicted is exhaustively documented with thousands of pages of evidence in the following book:

What Happened to Justice?, Litigation Tool #08.001
http://sedm.org/Litigation/LitIndex.htm
Private businesses have been assimilated into the mother "U.S. Inc." corporation (28 U.S.C. §3002(15)(A)) as federal
corporations using de facto license numbers called EINs. The Federal Reserve private banking cartel has become the beach
head for this conquest and war on the sovereignty of the states and the people and the unlawful and criminal conversion of
Constitutional rights into statutory privileges in violation of the ONLY mandate in the U.S. Constitution found in Article 4,
Section 4. They are the ones who FORCE you in violation of the Thirteenth Amendment as agents of the federal government
called "withholding agents" to procure these de facto EIN franchise license numbers in exchange for the "privilege" of
opening a bank account, thus compelling the unlawful and criminal conversion of Constitutional rights into statutory
"privileges". Real constitutional courts would prevent the establishment of federal franchises within the borders of states.
The administrative "franchises courts" we have now, mainly through presumption and omission, look the other way and aid
the rape and plunder of the people rather than protect them.

"Thus, Congress having power to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several States, and
with the Indian tribes, may, without doubt, provide for granting coasting licenses, licenses to pilots, licenses to
trade with the Indians, and any other licenses necessary or proper for the exercise of that great and extensive
power; and the same observation is applicable to every other power of Congress, to the exercise of which the
granting of licenses may be incident. All such licenses confer authority, and give rights to the licensee.

But very different considerations apply to the internal commerce or domestic trade of the States. Over this
commerce and trade Congress has no power of regulation nor any direct control. This power belongs
exclusively to the States. No interference by Congress with the business of citizens transacted within a State is
warranted by the Constitution, except such as is strictly incidental to the exercise of powers clearly granted to
the legislature. The power to authorize a business within a State is plainly repugnant to the exclusive power of
the State over the same subject. It is true that the power of Congress to tax is a very extensive power. It is given
in the Constitution, with only one exception and only two qualifications. Congress cannot tax exports, and it must
impose direct taxes by the rule of apportionment, and indirect taxes by the rule of uniformity. Thus limited, and
thus only, it reaches every subject, and may be exercised at discretion. But, it reaches only existing subjects.
Congress cannot authorize a trade or business within a State in order to tax it."
[License Tax Cases, 72 U.S. 462, 18 L.Ed. 497, 5 Wall. 462, 2 A.F.T.R. 2224 (1866)]

Congress is required by the Constitution to protect the states from invasion, but they have abused the following tactics as a
the method to become the main invaders:

1. Federal franchises and compelled participation in these franchises
2. The misrepresentation and illegal enforcement of law and their authority.
3. Identity theft that compels people illegally to have the civil/statutory/franchise status of public officer franchisees.
   This causes them to become the target of often illegal enforcement even though they are outside the civil legislative
   jurisdiction of the government. This is done illegally using passport DS-11 applications and Social Security SS-5
   applications.

The mechanisms for how this invasion is perpetrated are documented below:

http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

Remember: There are only two types of REAL governments: government by consent and terrorist governments. What we
have now is a terrorist government that has transformed itself from a protector to a protection racket and organized crime
syndicate which is directed behind the scenes by a secret financial elite of special interests. The early Romans spread their
worldwide empire by the same techniques. When they wanted to capture and conquer a city or a state without violence, they
would place guards on all the main roads in and out. They would embargo the city or state from all commerce and turn the
ability to conduct commerce into a franchise and a privilege, and force the inhabitants to pay tribute to Caesar in order to
restore their ability to support themselves and travel freely. Then they would make everyone in the city turn in all their gold
and silver as tribute, and it would be given back a small portion of the gold and silver, all of which was melted down and re-
iminted with Caesar’s image on it. It was nonviolent conquest, but still conquest.

"TRIBUTE. Tribute in the sense of an impost paid by one state to another, as a mark of subjugation, is a common
feature of international relationships in the biblical world. The tributary could be either a hostile state or an ally.
Like deportation, its purpose was to weaken a hostile state. Deportation aimed at depleting the man-power. The
aim of tribute was probably two-fold: to impoverish the subjugated state and at the same time to increase the
conqueror’s own revenues and to acquire commodities in short supply in his own country. As an instrument of
administration it was one of the simplest ever devised: the subjugated country could be made responsible for the
payment of a yearly tribute. Its non-arrival would be taken as a sign of rebellion, and an expedition would then
be sent to deal with the recalcitrant. This was probably the reason for the attack recorded in Gn. 14."
The only thing new in the world is the history you do not know. The reason you do not know it is that the same corporate and elite special interests who oppress you and use their franchises to destroy equal protection and your rights also run the public schools and the media and decide what they want you to know. All they want are good little corporate, tax-paying whores and drones who don’t ask any questions and keep the plunder flowing into their checking account so they don’t have to pay their fair share, which is really the only share that the Constitution can or does lawfully authorize: franchise/excise taxes upon corporate privileges. Congress is only supposed to be able to tax what it creates and it didn’t create human beings (God did), but it did create federal corporation franchises and public offices and can and should tax ONLY them. See:

Hierarchy of Sovereignty: The Power to Create is the Power to Tax. Family Guardian Fellowship
https://famguardian.org/Subjects/Taxes/Remedies/PowerToCreate.htm

3.10 How do you respond to accusations that sovereignty advocates are terrorists?

Our Disclaimer says that we are against violence and terrorism. See:

SEDM Disclaimer, Section 8
http://sedm.org/disclaimer.htm

Our ministry and sovereignty advocates generally are a peaceful, non-violent group which does not advocate, condone, or involve itself in any kind of violent activity. In fact, we oppose violence of all kinds, and especially by those in government against the populace. By “violence”, we mean any one or more of the following:

1. Anything and everything that is or could be threatening to human life or one’s physical body.
2. Involves fear or terror
3. Involves coercion, force, or intimidation of any kind.
4. Is instituted by anyone who is NOT accountable or responsible for their actions either because they are being protected unlawfully by others, or because of the unlawful use of “sovereign immunity” to protect their criminal acts. This causes those who are the target of their actions to be fearful because there is no remedy for injuries.

Because we are opposed to “violence”, we are also opposed to all the COMPONENTS that constitute violence as we just defined it.

By the above definition of violence, most of what the present de facto government does is “violence”:

1. Using their fraudulent money system, they have created what we call a “counterfeiting franchise” in which private banks:
   1.1. Are allowed to counterfeit money by lending money they don’t even have.
   1.2. In exchange for their right to counterfeit, banks agree to compel their depositors and creditors to illegally become public officers in the government in exchange for the “privilege” of opening an account or borrowing money.
   1.3. The counterfeiting money is borrowed into circulation and thereby destroys the purchasing power of the average American and thereby interferes with their ability to support themselves and their family.
2. They interfere with, sanction, and penalize any and every attempt to hold them accountable for the crimes they commit, thus interfering with the rights and property of law abiding Americans that could be used to support them and their families.
3. They use the tax money they STOLE illegally to fund foreign wars that kill and maim millions of people abroad.
4. They FORCE people into economic and legal servitude by FORCING a civil status upon them to which public rights attach and which they either DO NOT consent to or CANNOT lawfully consent to. This includes “driver”, “taxpayer”, “spouse”, etc. under their various franchises.
5. They punish dissidents in court by refusing to address their issues, thus extending and delaying litigation and running up huge legal fees that act effectively as unconstitutional “bills of attainder”.
6. They use propaganda and deception to exploit legally innocent and ignorant people by convincing them to do their illegal enforcement activity that injures others. That enforcement is provably illegal because the law as written does not require it and cannot require it.
7. They literally STEAL people’s PRIVATE property without having to go to court like the REST of us and are protected by the courts in doing so. This:

7.1. Is threatening to human life because it interferes with the ability of people to support themselves.
7.2. Destroys the credibility of people in trying to satisfy their legal obligations, because they can’t pull their own weight financially.
7.3. Can only exist if they are SUPERIOR to, unequal to, and the object of idol worship.
8. They destroy families by pitting family members against each other in arguments about money that they either have STOLEN or intend to steal through illegal enforcement of the tax codes.
9. Corrupt judges criminally intimidate jurors and remove jury foreman who interfere with their tax “protection racket”, thus causing innocent people to be sent to jail who oppose the illegal enforcement of their fellow partners in crime. These people then effectively become political prisoners and their life is threatened in jail by REAL criminals.
10. They send threatening letters through the mail to collect funds that are not owed and based on fraudulent in formation return reports. This is mail fraud and it needlessly evokes fear and terror. When the false information return reports are corrected via correspondence, they ignore the report and keep on terrorizing people.

We prove that the government is the biggest source of non-consensual “violence” and therefore “terrorism” in:

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Requirement for Consent, Form #05.003, Section 1.7
https://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm
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The above list of government instituted economic terrorist activities that we oppose is by no means complete. Below are additional compelling resources on the subject:

1. **Policy Document: Rebutted False Arguments About Sovereignty**, Form #08.018, Sections 3 and 5.2
   - [http://sedm.org/Forms/08-PolicyDocs/RebFalseArgSovereignty.pdf](http://sedm.org/Forms/08-PolicyDocs/RebFalseArgSovereignty.pdf)
2. **De Facto Government Scam**, Form #05.043
   - [http://sedm.org/Forms/05-MemLaw/DeFactoGov.pdf](http://sedm.org/Forms/05-MemLaw/DeFactoGov.pdf)
3. **Government Corruption**, SEDM
   - [http://sedm.org/GovCorruption/GovCorruption.htm](http://sedm.org/GovCorruption/GovCorruption.htm)
4. **I Want To Be A Spy**
   - [http://famguardian.org/Subjects/Crime/Humor/AshcroftSpy.mp3](http://famguardian.org/Subjects/Crime/Humor/AshcroftSpy.mp3) (OFFSITE LINK)
5. **The REAL Matrix**, Stefan Molyneux (OFFSITE LINK)
   - [https://sedm.org/media/the-real-matrix/](https://sedm.org/media/the-real-matrix/)
6. **Devil’s Advocate: What We Are Up Against** (OFFSITE LINK)
   - [http://sedm.org/what-we-are-up-against/](http://sedm.org/what-we-are-up-against/)
7. **We Bomb for Cash**, Family Guardian Fellowship
   - [http://famguardian.org/Subjects/Military/Humor/pent2.jpg](http://famguardian.org/Subjects/Military/Humor/pent2.jpg)
   - [https://sedm.org/education/liberty-university/liberty-university-2-6-how-the-world-works/](https://sedm.org/education/liberty-university/liberty-university-2-6-how-the-world-works/)
9. **Pirates and Emperors**
10. **Government Mafia**, Clint Richardson
    - [https://sedm.org/media/government-mafia/](https://sedm.org/media/government-mafia/)
11. **Terrorstorm**, Alex Jones (OFFSITE LINK)
    - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vrXgLhkv21Y](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vrXgLhkv21Y)
12. **Is the United States of America a leading terrorist state?**, Noam Chomsky
    - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AoDNCKVmXQM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AoDNCKVmXQM)
13. **Statism and Terrorism**, Stefan Molyneux - your government is terrorist
    - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3lRbwpc2XV4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3lRbwpc2XV4)
14. **Securiotic-how governments have created a fictional war on terror to themselves become terrorists**
    - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Dk2awGVJ-g](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Dk2awGVJ-g)
15. **Amazing Speech by War Veteran, he identifies the REAL terrorists**
    - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akm3nYN8aG8#t=17](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akm3nYN8aG8#t=17)
3.11 Does your group advocate violating the law?

We EMBRACE the law in our own defense and as the basis for all of our decisions and actions, rather than advocate violating it. There is more law posted on our website than the entire Department of Justice website and the Findlaw.com website combined. It is ludicrous to suggest that we ignorantly, presumptuously, or willfully disobey laws that we are subject to.

In fact, we regard it as a duty of being a good citizen to regularly read and learn and know the law so that we may competently and forcefully supervise the actions of our public SERVANTS as a jurist and voter. The U.S. Supreme Court agrees with us on this subject:

“Every man is supposed to know the law. A party who makes a contract with an officer without having it reduced to writing is knowingly accessory to a violation of duty on his part. Such a party aids in the violation of the law.”

[Clark v. United States, 95 U.S. 539 (1877)]

“Every citizen of the United States is supposed to know the law,”

[Floyd Acceptances, 7 Wall. (74 U.S. 169) 666 (1869)]

The implication of the above is that those who DON’T regularly read and learn and study the law in fact are BAD citizens. We submit that public/government schools are DESIGNED to produce such bad citizens so that a corrupted legal profession may become a priesthood essentially endowed with “supernatural”, superior, and “secret” powers and rights not possessed by ordinary NATURAL men and women. The fact that most people in the media know next to NOTHING about the laws that you falsely accuse us of violating is proof that you have chosen to be bad citizens or what the soviets called “useful idiots” for the socialist agenda of a financial elite who REALLY own this country.

We also don’t promote either violating any law or advocate the abolition of law. Such people are called anarchists. Those who promote “anarchy” promote “lawlessness”. In fact, our main goal is to oppose GOVERNMENT anarchy, which the U.S. Supreme Court described as follows:

“Decency, security, and liberty alike demand that government officials shall be subjected to the same rules of conduct that are commands to the citizen. In a government of laws, existence of the government will be imperiled if it fails to observe the law scrupulously. Our government is the potent, the omnipresent teacher. For good or ill, it teaches the whole people by example. Crime is contagious. If the government becomes a lawbreaker, it breeds contempt for law; it invites every man to become a law unto himself; it invites anarchy. To declare that in the administration of the criminal law the end justifies the means-to declare that the government may commit crimes in order to secure the conviction of a private criminal-would bring terrible retribution. Against that pernicious doctrine this court should resolutely set its face.”

[Olmstead v. United States, 277 U.S. 438 (1928)]

Based on the above, GOVERNMENT anarchy results when governments do any of the following:

1. Are superior in any way to the people they civilly govern UNDER THE CIVIL LAW.
2. Are not directly accountable to the people or the law. They prohibit the PEOPLE from criminally prosecuting their own crimes, reserving the right to prosecute to their own fellow criminals. Who polices the police? THE CRIMINALS.
3. Enact laws that exempt themselves. This is a violation of the Constitutional requirement for equal protection and equal treatment and constitutes an unconstitutional Title of Nobility in violation of Article 1, Section 9, Clause 8 of the United States Constitution.
4. Only enforce the law against others and NOT themselves, as a way to protect their own criminal activities by prosecuting dissidents. This is called “selective enforcement”. In the legal field it is also called “professional courtesy”. Never kill the goose that lays the STOLEN golden eggs.
5. Break the laws with impunity. This happens most frequently when corrupt people in government engage in “selective enforcement”, whereby they refuse to prosecute or interfere with the prosecution of anyone in government. The Department of Justice (D.O.J.) or the District Attorney are the most frequent perpetrators of this type of crime.
6. Are able to choose which laws they want to be subject to, and thus refuse to enforce laws against themselves. The most frequent method for this type of abuse is to assert sovereign, official, or judicial immunity as a defense in order to protect the wrongdoers in government when they are acting outside their delegated authority, or outside what the definitions in the statutes EXPRESSLY allow.
7. Impute to themselves more rights or methods of acquiring rights than the people themselves have. In other words, who are the object of PAGAN IDOL WORSHIP because they possess “supernatural” powers. By “supernatural”, we mean that which is superior to the “natural”, which is ordinary human beings.
8. Claim and protect their own sovereign immunity, but refuse to recognize the same EQUAL immunity of the people from whom that power was delegated to begin with. Hypocrites.

9. Abuse sovereign immunity to exclude either the government or anyone working in the government from being subject to the laws they pass to regulate everyone ELSE’S behavior. In other words, they can choose WHEN they want to be a statutory “person” who is subject, and when they aren’t. Anyone who has this kind of choice will ALWAYS corruptly exclude themselves and include everyone else, and thereby enforce and implement an unconstitutional “Title of Nobility” towards themselves.

On this subject, the U.S. Supreme Court has held the following:

“No man in this country [including legislators of the government as a legal person] is so high that he is above the law. No officer of the law may set that law at defiance with impunity. All the officers of the government, from the highest to the lowest, are creatures of the law and are bound to obey it. It is the only supreme power in our system of government, and every man who by accepting office participates in its functions is only the more strongly bound to submit to that supremacy, and to observe the limitations which it imposes upon the exercise of the authority which it gives.” 106 U.S. at 220. “Shall it be said... that the courts cannot give remedy when the Citizen has been deprived of his property by force, his estate seized and converted to the use of the government without any lawful authority, without any process of law, and without any compensation, because the president has ordered it and his officers are in possession? If such be the law of this country, it sanctions a tyranny which has no existence in the monarchies of Europe, nor in any other government which has a just claim to well-regulated liberty and the protection of personal rights,” 106 U.S., at 220, 221.

[United States v. Lee, 106 U.S. 190, 1 S. Ct. 240 (1882)]

10. Have a monopoly on anything, INCLUDING “protection”, and who turn that monopoly into a mechanism to force EVERYONE illegally to be treated as uncompensated public officers in exchange for the “privilege” of being able to even exist or earn a living to support oneself.

11. Can tax and spend any amount or percentage of the people’s earnings over the OBJECTIONS of the people.

12. Can print, meaning illegally counterfeit, as much money as they want to fund their criminal enterprise, and thus to be completely free from accountability to the people.

13. Deceive and/or lie to the public with impunity by telling you that you can’t trust anything they say, but force YOU to sign everything under penalty of perjury when you want to talk to them. 26 U.S.C. §6065.

The above type of “lawlessness” by de facto government actors of the kind we currently have is the SAME “lawlessness” that Jesus criticized the Pharisees (lawyers) for in the Holy Bible.

“Woe to you, scribes [religious leaders] and Pharisees [lawyers], hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cap and dish [OTHER people], but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. Blind [to their own sin] Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cap and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also.

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

[Matt. 23:26-36, Bible, NKJV]

The ONLY thing Jesus and God ever got visibly angry at was the hypocrisy, inequality, partiality, privilege, and irresponsibility of the Pharisees, so it MUST be important for those in government who are lawyers to:

1. Understand and eliminate this hypocrisy.
2. Eliminate the inequality and partiality and conflict of interest that gives rise to it.
3. Enforce and protect the superiority of the “state”, meaning the Sovereign People, over their SERVANTS in “government”.
4. Prevent the words “state” and “government” from being confused or thought synonymous, because this creates the inequality that characterizes the present corrupted system.

Here is what the U.S. Supreme Court held about this duty, that Jesus predicted they would self-servingly NEGLECT to do:

“… the maxim that the King can do no wrong has no place in our system of government; yet it is also true, in respect to the State itself, that whatever wrong is attempted in its name is imputable to its government and not to the State, for, as it can speak and act only by law, whatever it does say and do must be lawful. That which therefore is unlawful because made so by the supreme law, the Constitution of the United States, is not the word or deed of the State, but is the mere wrong and trespass of those individual persons who falsely spread and act in its name.”
'This distinction is essential to the idea of constitutional government. To deny it or blot it out obliterates the line of demarcation that separates constitutional government from absolutism, free self-government based on the sovereignty of the people from that despotism, whether of the one or the many, which enables the agent of the state to declare and decree that he is the state; to say 'L'Etat, c'est moi.' Of what avail are written constitutions, whose bills of right, for the security of individual liberty, have been written too often with the blood of martyrs shed upon the battle-field and the scaffold, if their limitations and restraints upon power may be overpassed with impunity by the very agencies created and appointed to guard, defend, and enforce them; and that, too, with the sacred authority of law, not only compelling obedience, but entitled to respect? And how else can these principles of individual liberty and right be maintained, if, when violated, the judicial tribunals are forbidden to visit penalties upon individual offenders, who are the instruments of wrong, whenever they interpose the shield of the state? The doctrine is not to be tolerated. The whole frame and scheme of the political institutions of this country, state and federal, protest against it. Their continued existence is not compatible with it. It is the doctrine of absolutism, pure, simple, and naked, and of communism which is its twin, the double progeny of the same evil birth.'

[Postindexter v. Greenhow, 114 U.S. 270, 5 S.Ct. 903 (1885)]

3.12 How about changing the rules instead of refusing to obey them?

As we said in the previous question, we don’t promote disobeying any law. Most of what Americans falsely think of as “law” in fact is a voluntary civil franchise that acquires what is called “the force of law” ONLY after you demonstrate consent in some form. Even a Harvard law professor agrees with us on this subject:

"Municipal law, thus understood, is properly defined to be 'a rule of civil conduct prescribed by the supreme power in a state, commanding what is right and prohibiting what is wrong.'"

[...]

"It is also called a rule to distinguish it from a compact or agreement; for a compact is a promise proceeding from us, law is a command directed to us. The language of a compact is, 'I will, or will not, do this'; that of a law is, 'thou shalt, or shalt not, do it.' It is true there is an obligation which a compact carries with it, equal in point of conscience to that of a law; but then the original of the obligation is different. In compacts we ourselves determine and promise what shall be done, before we are obliged to do it; in laws, we are obliged to act without ourselves determining or promising anything at all. Upon these accounts law is defined to be "a rule.""


The U.S. Supreme Court has identified the civil law as what it calls a “social compact”, which means it is a CONTRACT or agreement that can acquire the “force of law” only against those who EXPRESSLY CONSENT to be MEMBERS of the society offering the compact. Any attempt to enforce the civil compact or contract against non-members is slavery, involuntary servitude, theft, and unconstitutional eminent domain in violation of the Fifth Amendment takings clause. To be “subject” to this compact of agreement, one has to CONSENT to become essentially a public officer within the government, and to the “benefits, privileges, and protections” of the compact codified in the civil statutory law.

"Under basic rules of construction, statutory laws enacted by legislative bodies cannot impair rights given under a constitution. 194 B.R. at 925."

[In re Young, 235 B.R. 666 (Bankr.M.D.Fla., 1999)]

We have no objection to people pursuing the “benefits” of the civil law, which we call a “protection franchise”. However, they are working INJUSTICE, THEFT, and SLAVERY to enforce the civil law against non-consenting parties either as a government agent, a voter, or a jurist. The only remedy available against those who are not party to the civil social compact is the common law, where ABSOLUTE EQUALITY is the foundation of the dispute.

Rights protected by the U.S. Constitution, however, are “inalienable” per the Declaration of Independence, which means simply that not even our consent can alienate or surrender them.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --".

[Declaration of Independence]

"Unalienable. Inalienable; incapable of being aliened, that is, sold and transferred."


This implies that:
1. We ARE NOT ALLOWED to consent to the civil statutory law if we are protected by the U.S. Constitution.

2. The civil law, in turn, can be “law” ONLY for those who are ALREADY in the government. It cannot CREATE any new offices in the government, but simply add rights and “benefits” to existing public officers who, in turn, are NOT protected by the CONSTITUTION so that they could lawfully consent to become public officers in the first place.

3. Any attempt to entice or deceive us into consenting to surrender any constitutional right or to enter into ANY commercial relationship with any government is a violation of the legislative intent of the U.S. Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.

Anyone who contradicts the approach in this section is contradicting either themselves or the written organic law, and therefore cannot be telling the truth. The truth cannot conflict with itself and if it does, it’s a LIE.

The only reason people think differently about law than the way we have describes is that they have been trained in the public school to believe the lies and deception coming from a corrupted legal profession and government about the law.

### 3.13 Do you think the present government is a terrorist organization?

We believe that there are only TWO types of governments:

1. Government by consent.
2. Terrorist government.

A government that enforces any aspect of the civil law against a non-consenting party without having to prove WITH EVIDENCE that the subject of the enforcement EXPRESSLY CONSENTED in writing to be subject to it fits in the latter category of being a terrorist government.

Out of desperation, some corrupted governments have engaged in a propaganda and smear campaign to label freedom advocates such as us with terms such as “Sovereign Citizen”, which by the way we don’t claim to be. Imagine being accused of being something that can’t even be and ISN’T legally defined. People like J.J. Macnab, a so-called expert of “Sovereign Citizens” admits that there isn’t even a DEFINITION for what a “Sovereign Citizen” is:

> Perhaps the most difficult hurdle for law enforcement is dealing with stereotypes. The first generation sovereign movement (from 1970 to 1995) was comprised mostly of middle-aged, high-school educated, white men with some military background, and hard-right, often racist values, located mostly in rural communities west of the Mississippi. Today, the second sovereign wave (1999 to present) can include anybody; black, white, rural, urban, Asian, Hispanic, young, old, armed, unarmed, male, female, conservative, liberal, semi-literate, college-educated, from any walk of life. For example, dentists, chiropractors, and even police officers all seem drawn to the movement in recent years.

> Sovereigns are also difficult to identify because there is no membership group for them to join, no charismatic leader, no organization name, no master list of adherents, and no consistency in the schemes they promote and buy into. There are hundreds of sovereign legal theories being peddled in seminars, in books, and on the Internet, and many of these theories contradict each other.


So in other words, in a whole long article about WHAT a “Sovereign Citizen” is, there is NO consistent legal definition, and hence, no way for a judge or a jury to objectively identify a SPECIFIC person as a “Sovereign Citizen”. Therefore, the act of simply calling someone a “Sovereign Citizen” is:

1. A POLITICAL and not LEGAL accusation.
2. POLITICAL speech that no judge or jury can rule on or enter into evidence, as indicated by Federal Rule of Evidence 610.
3. A violation of due process if the determination is left to a judge or jury.
4. A violation of the separation of powers doctrine if ruled on by a court, since true constitutional courts cannot lawfully entertain “political questions”.
5. Proves that the judge is not acting as a judge, but in a private capacity if he hears a matter involving whether someone is a “Sovereign Citizen”, because he can’t entertain “political questions”.
6. HATE speech that discriminates against a specific group, by associating them with violent, criminal, or unlawful activities.
7. An act of terrorism against the selected group, because it radicalizes POLICE to be heavy handed, violent, and reactive against the group.

8. An act of defamation that the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) ought to be complaining about.

Labels or stereotypes do no one any good. They are deployed by LEGALLY IGNORANT people engaged in political propaganda as a type of fallacy. That fallacy is called:

1. **Straw man.** Misrepresenting our arguments to make them easier to attack.

2. **False cause.** Connecting the label “sovereign citizen” with violent, criminal, or unlawful activities.

3. **Ad hominem.** Casting doubt on people who raise the sovereignty issue by connecting them with violent, criminal, unlawful, or anti-government activities.

4. **Personal incredulity or ambiguity.** Saying the arguments of sovereignty advocates are needlessly complex and ought to be avoided because they can’t be understood by the public. This discourages the public from reading sovereignty materials.

5. **Appeal to authority.** PRESUMING that because SOME courts rule against or especially REFUSE to deal with issues raised by sovereignty advocates, then their arguments must be untrue. On the other hand, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(b)(6) says that a failure to deny such arguments INSTEAD constitutes an ADMISSION.

6. **Composition/division or Texas Sharpshooter.** Trying to make the public believe with several examples that all those who raise sovereignty arguments are violent, criminal, and anti-government. They refuse to reconcile their false PRESUMPTIONS about such people with people like us, who don’t advocate any of those things.

All propaganda relies on the above fallacies and others, which you can read about yourself at:

| Thou Shalt Not Commit Logical Fallacies Website |
| https://yourlogicalfallacyis.com/ |

Ultimately, the term “Sovereign Citizen” seems to have been invented as a means of propaganda to wrongfully associate otherwise law abiding Americans with violent or criminal tendencies so that they can be discriminated against, stereotyped, persecuted, and even SHOT by radicalized policemen. This persecution comes mainly as a form of anti-whistleblowing activity, because of the following characteristics of Sovereignty Advocates:

1. Their insistence that the government has to LEAVE THEM ALONE civilly and only enforce that which they expressly consented to and which is proven with evidence that they consented to. The very purpose of government itself, according to the founding fathers is “justice”, and justice is legally defined as the right to be LEFT ALONE.

2. Their desire for a law-abiding, accountable government with no more powers than the SOVEREIGN people it is supposed to serve and protect but instead persecutes and STEALS from.

3. The whistleblowing and law-enforcement activities they engage in.

4. Their efforts to combat government corruption peacefully and lawfully.

Jesus, who was also persecuted the same way as the above for the very same reasons at His inquisition in front of Pilate and by the political elites of His day, said on this subject:

**The World’s Hatred**

“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have had no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, ‘They hated Me without a cause.’

[John 15:18-25, Bible, NKJV]

The hate speech fostered by Macnab and presumptuous hateful people like her is directed specifically at a religious group, because the basis for the whistleblowing activities are the moral laws found in the Bible. SHE has to do it and not the government itself, because if the government did it, then they would be violating the First Amendment. However, we believe she is funded by the government, because they know they can’t do it themselves. As such, she is engaging in the following crimes:
1. **Hate crimes, 18 U.S.C. §249.** Hate crimes include anything that causes violence against a religious group. A policeman with a gun who has been “radicalized” by her hate speech is a perfect candidate for such a crime, for which she is the co-conspirator.

2. **Damage to religious property, 18 U.S.C. §247.** The property damaged is the good name and reputation of those who insist on worshipping and serving ONLY their God, and not a pagan political ruler or his presumptuous private law edicts that are DISGUISED to look like public law for everyone in order to STEAL from people.

3. **Solicitation to commit a crime of violence, 18 U.S.C. §373.** A policeman radicalized by her propaganda to shoot, arrest, or injure an innocent law abiding American wrongfully PRESUMED to be a “Sovereign Citizen” would be a victim of such a crime.

Not surprisingly, even the word “terrorism” itself has no legal definition, and therefore has the SAME problem as the phrase “Sovereign Citizen”. Wikipedia even admits this:

**Definition**

Main article: Definition of terrorism

Stamp of Azerbaijan with "Stop Terrorism!" description

The definition of terrorism has proved controversial. Various legal systems and government agencies use different definitions of terrorism in their national legislation. Moreover, the international community has been slow to formulate a universally agreed, legally binding definition of this crime. These difficulties arise from the fact that the term “terrorism” is politically and emotionally charged.[1] In this regard, Angus Martyn, briefing the Australian Parliament, stated that

"The international community has never succeeded in developing an accepted comprehensive definition of terrorism. During the 1970s and 1980s, the United Nations attempts to define the term floundered mainly due to differences of opinion between various members about the use of violence in the context of conflicts over national liberation and self-determination.”[2]

These divergences have made it impossible for the United Nations to conclude a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism that incorporates a single, all-encompassing, legally binding, criminal law definition of terrorism.[3] The international community has adopted a series of sectoral conventions that define and criminalize various types of terrorist activities.


Imagine a whole new department within the government, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), devoted to fighting a thing that doesn’t even have a legal definition. That in itself is terrorism, because if they are the only ones who can subjectively define terrorism and the definition changes with each prosecution, then THEY are the terrorists. Have Americans lost their mind?

Ultimately however, we know who the REAL terrorists are, which are civil rulers who rule by intimidation and force people into servitude, a commercial relationship, or a civil status they don’t want with their abuse of the law.

![Definition of Terrorism](image)

[Original (pre-Orwellian) Definition of the Word "Terrorism", Funk and Wagnalls New Practical Standard Dictionary (1946)]

And here is another example of the REAL “terrorists”:  

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The REAL “terrorists” are those elitists secretly on the government dole like Macnab who radicalize police with propaganda and fallacies, and thus cause the violent, criminal, and unconstitutional persecution of people in the exercise of their religion.  

In the case of the Christian religion, the Bible requires that Christians are forbidden from worshiping or obeying any civil ruler, civil law, or government that would compete with or supplant God Himself as the ultimate ruler of the universe and source of the moral authority of ALL law:

**Ten Commandments**

“**You shall have no other gods [including GOVERNMENTS or CIVIL RULERS] before Me.**

“**You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness [including an EFFIGY called a legal “person”] of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;**”

“**you shall not bow down [below] to them nor serve them [civil rulers]. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,**”

“**but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.**

[Exodus 20:3-4; Bible, NKJF]

Keep in mind that a “god” in the above can be a civil ruler or government that has more powers, rights, or privileges than the people it is supposed to serve, and thus becomes a God with “supernatural” or “superior” powers to which obedience (worship) is due. In Great Britain to this day, judges are still called “your worship”. That position of superiority is forbidden by the USA Constitution and is called a “title of nobility”. The “United States” as a legal person is that unconstitutional “title of nobility”. The unconstitutional civil religion that J.J. Macnab in fact worships is GOVERNMENT, which is described in:

1. **Socialism: The New American Civil Religion**, Form #05.016  
   http://sedm.org/Forms/05-MemLaw/SocialismCivilReligion.pdf

2. **Message to the Voting Cattle**, Larken Rose  
   http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t5FNDRgPOLs
The hallmark of a corrupted government is one that offensively rather than defensively engages in “selective enforcement” in order to protect ONLY its own criminal activities, rather than the PRIVATE people it was created to protect and serve. That is what we have now, thanks to people who protect that tendency with terrorist, slanderous, hate speech and rhetoric directed at innocents by people like J.J. Macnab.

3.14 How do you travel the roadways? Without a license?

When we travel the roadways for private purposes and not in the course of business dealings, we see no reason to have or to use a license or registration of any kind. Licenses and registrations are franchises that one must EXPRESSLY CONSENT to participate in before they acquire the “force of law”. See:

Government Instituted Slavery Using Franchises, Form #05.030
http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

The ability to regulate the use of the public roadways extends ONLY to the commercial use for PRIVATE gain. So long as we are not travelling with this purpose if mind, then we:

1. Are not availing ourselves of a “privilege” or “benefit” offered by any government.
2. Have surrendered no constitutional right.
3. Are operating in an EXCLUSIVELY PRIVATE capacity and therefore beyond the ability of any government to control or regulate, unless and until we commit a crime in the process and thereby injure a fellow EQUAL sovereign human being.
4. Do no harm to anyone.

"Do not strive with [or try to regulate or control or enslave] a man without cause, if he has done you no harm."
[Prov. 3:30, Bible, NKJV]

5. Have a constitutional right to be LEFT ALONE by anyone and everyone, including governments and police men.

"The makers of our Constitution undertook to secure conditions favorable to the pursuit of happiness. They recognized the significance of man’s spiritual nature, of his feelings and of his intellect. They knew that only a part of the pain, pleasure and satisfactions of life are to be found in material things. They sought to protect Americans in their beliefs, their thoughts, their emotions and their sensations. They conferred, as against the Government, the right to be let alone - the most comprehensive of rights and the right most valued by civilized men."

"With all [our] blessings, what more is necessary to make us a happy and a prosperous people? Still one thing more, fellow citizens—a wise and frugal Government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government, and this is necessary to close the circle of our felicities."
[Thomas Jefferson: 1st Inaugural, 1801. ME 3:320]

3.15 Do you believe the government is deceiving the public about what the law requires of them?

We absolutely do. Educating the public about that deception is an important goal of the movement so that it will end immediately. That deception is implemented through the following techniques documented on our About Us Page, Section 1:

1. The abuse of presumption to injure the rights of sovereign Americans, in violation of due process of law and God’s law found in Numbers 15:30. Much of this presumption is compelled by the government by willfully dumbing-down the average American about legal subjects in the public (government) schools. This makes the legal profession into essentially a “priesthood” and a pagan “religion” that the average American blindly worships and obeys, without ever questioning authority. It is a supreme injustice to proceed against a person without every conclusion being based ONLY on fact and not presumption, opinion, or belief.
"But the person who does anything presumptuously, whether he is native-born or a stranger, that one brings reproach on the LORD, and he shall be cut off from among his people."
[Numbers 15:30, Bible, NKJV]

"Due Process: [. . .] If any question of fact or liability be conclusively presumed [rather than proven with evidence] against him, this is not due process of law [in fact, it is the OPPOSITE of due process]."

(1) [8:4993] Conclusionary presumptions affecting protected interests: A conclusive presumption may be defeated where its application would impair a party’s constitutionally-protected liberty or property interests. In such cases, conclusive presumptions have been held to violate a party’s due process and equal protection rights.
[Federal Civil Trials and Evidence, Rutter Group, paragraph 8:4993, p. 8K-34]

For details on the abuse of presumption to injure your sacred rights, see:

Presumption: Chief Weapon for Unlawfully Enlarging Federal Jurisdiction, Form #09.017
http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

2. Public servants deceiving the public by portraying "Private Law" as "Public Law". See the following article on this subject.

Requirement for Consent, Form #05.003
http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

3. Public servants refusing to acknowledge the requirement for consent in all human interactions. See the above memorandum of law on the subject.

4. Willful omissions from government websites and publications that keep the public from hearing the whole truth. The problem is not what these sources say, but what they DON’T say. The Great IRS Hoax, Form #11.302 (OFFSITE LINK) contains over 2,000 pages of what the GOVERNMENT regards as facts that neither the IRS nor any one in government is willing to reveal to you because it would destroy the gravy train of plunder that pays their bloated salaries and fat retirement in criminal violation of 18 U.S.C. §208.

5. The abuse of "words of art" to deceive the people in both government publications and the law itself. See:
5.1. Sovereignty Forms and Instructions Online, Form #10.004, Cites by Topic (OFFSITE LINK) for examples.
5.2. Legal Deception, Propaganda, and Fraud, Form #05.014-explains games to unlawfully expand legal definitions
5.3. Citizenship Status v. Tax Status, Form #10.011-shows how STATUTORY v. CONSTITUTIONAL contexts and GEOGRAPHICAL v. LEGAL contexts are confused to usurp jurisdiction.
5.4. Rules of Presumption and Statutory Interpretation, Litigation Tool #01.006-prevents abuse of words of art during litigation.

If you would like a complete training video on how the deception is implemented, see:

Foundations of Freedom, Form #12.021, Video 4: Willful Government Deception and Propaganda
http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

3.16 Do you believe that people shouldn’t have to pay taxes?

At its basic level, a tax is a fee for a specific service. We have no problem paying for the CIVIL services we CONSENT to consume.

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4.6. Civil Service

The term "civil service" or "civil service fee" relates to any and all activities of "government" OTHER than:
1. Police.
5. Common law court.

"civil service" and "civil service fee" includes any attempt or act to:
1. Establish or enforce a domicile (Form #05.002).
2. Procure consent (Form #05.003) of any kind to alienate rights that are supposed to be INALIENABLE per the Declaration of Independence.
3. PRESUME consent (Form #05.003) to surrender INALIENABLE PRIVATE RIGHTS by virtue of submitting, accepting, or receiving any application for a government benefit, license, or franchise. See Form #12.023.
4. Convert PRIVATE property or PRIVATE rights to PUBLIC property, PUBLIC offices, or excise taxable franchises. See Form #12.025. Government's FIRST and most important duty is to at all times maintain TOTAL separation between PRIVATE and PUBLIC and NEVER to allow them to convert one to another.
   Every attempt to convert one to the other represents a criminal financial conflict of interest that turns the PUBLIC trust into a SHAM trust.
5. Offer or enforce the civil statutory code.
6. Offer or enforce civil franchises (see Form #05.030).

[SEDM Disclaimer, Section 4: Meaning of Words; SOURCE: https://sedm.org/disclaimer.htm]

We don’t even have a problem with throwing people in jail who refuse to pay AFTER they consented IN WRITING to consume. We gladly pay taxes of all kinds in the ordinary course of living life, such as gas taxes to build roads, sales taxes to keep the streets safe, etc. On the other hand, it is a maxim of the common law that government MUST provide a way to NOT receive a “benefit”. We take it that to mean the government MUST protect your right to NOT be a consumer or a sponsor of specific CIVIL services you don’t need or find objectionable. If they have a monopoly on constitutional and common law protection, then they MUST provide this remedy and if they DON’T, they cease to be a “government” as the Declaration of Independence defines “government”:

1. Invito beneficium non datur.
   No one is obliged to accept a benefit against his consent. Dig. 50, 17, 69. But if he does not dissent he will be considered as assenting. Vide Assent.

2. Privilegium est beneficium personae et extinguitur cum person.
   A privilege is a personal benefit and dies with the person. 3 Bals. 8.

3. Quae inter alios acta sunt nemini nocere debent, sed prodesse possunt.
   Transactions between strangers may benefit, but cannot injure, persons who are parties to them. 6 Co. 1.

4. Quilibet potest renunciare juri pro se inducto.
   Any one may renounce a law introduced for his own benefit. To this rule there are some exceptions. See 1 Bouv. Inst. n. 83.

5. When the common law and statute law concur, the common law is to be preferred. 4 Co. 71

6. Verba dicta de persona, intelligi debent de conditione personae. Words spoken of the person are to be understood of the condition of the person. 2 Roll. R. 72.

[Bouvier’s Maxims of Law, 1856; SOURCE: http://famguardian.org/Publications/BouvierMaximsOfLaw/BouviersMaxims.htm]

What we object to in particular about the UNLAWFUL administration of the tax system is all of the following practices:

1. The expenditure of tax revenues to pay private people. This includes ALL government “benefit” programs. The U.S. Supreme Court calls this “robbery in the name of taxation” and in fact, says such funds are NOT “taxes” as legally defined.

"To lay, with one hand, the power of the government on the property of the citizen, and with the other to bestow it upon favored individuals to aid private enterprises and build up private fortunes, is none the less a robbery because it is done under the forms of law and is called taxation. This is not legislation. It is a decree under legislative forms.
Any system of taxation that is used to transfer of wealth between the haves and the have nots will inevitably implode upon itself, because it propagates itself by criminally bribing voters with “benefits”.

2. Income taxes. These taxes were not necessary to fund the basic functions of government up until fairly recently. They only became necessary to prop up a fraudulent fiat currency system that we believe needs to be abolished. In the United States, for instance, the Sixteenth Amendment and the Federal Reserve were created nearly simultaneously because they work together to create a closed-self-regulating system to control the supply of fiat currency, in fact. For details on this SCAM, see:

The Money Scam, Form #05.041
http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

3. The payment or enforcement of taxes for services that we didn’t specifically consent to and ask for IN WRITING.

4. Putting a judge in charge of defining what a “benefit” is rather than US. We as the sovereign people are the ONLY CUSTOMER of government, and the customer is always right. Hence:

4.1. Whatever socialist program a government wants to offer the people is fine, but it cannot call it a “benefit” until WE voluntarily sign up for it and all those coercing us to sign up are PROMPTLY PROSECUTED AND JAILED.

4.2. The use of government identifying numbers is not PRESUMED to mean that the person is in receipt of a “benefit” and therefore liable for ANYTHING.

4.3. The “benefits” it pays should be UNEQUAL and proportional to what is paid in. Otherwise, one group has to subsidize others and is therefore stolen from.

4.4. A failure to pay for the costs of delivering the benefit will result in ONLY terminating eligibility to RECEIVE the benefit, but may not make the party a target for administrative enforcement, liens or levies. All such enforcement activity PRESUMES that the property levied is GOVERNMENT property, which is SELDOM the case. See 26 U.S.C. §6331(a).

4.5. Any attempt to offer “benefits” to the public of any kind should be treated as PRIVATE BUSINESS ACTIVITY not protected by sovereign immunity, and administered by a SEPARATE corporation that must be self-sustaining and not owned or controlled by any government. Otherwise, sovereign immunity will be abused to protect criminal and illegal abuses by government enforcers.

5. The spending of revenues from one taxed activity to fund OTHER government programs or social services totally unrelated to the activity being taxed. For instance, ALL social security “taxes” go into the general revenues of the government, rather than being limited to paying ONLY Social Security benefits. Every program or “benefit” of any government should be COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT, INDIVIDUALLY self-supporting, self-regulating, and self-sustaining.

5.1. When more revenues are collected than needed, they should be REFUNDED or used as a credit on the taxes paid. For instance, if there are surplus gas taxes, then the rate of tax should be reduced until the surplus is used up, rather than using it to fund the GENERAL expenditures of the government. This will ensure that gas taxes are never used to fund wasteful or unrelated spending such as government debt.

5.2. When a program ceases to be self-sustaining, it INDIVIDUALLY should be abolished, and especially if it pays money to otherwise PRIVATE people, such as Social Security, Medicare, etc. do. Otherwise, it will destabilize the government because of the deficits it produces, or force the government to RAID other programs to pay for it and HURT the people in those programs with unnecessarily large taxes.

3.17 Doesn’t income tax go to pay for roads, infrastructure, and other things you use on a daily basis?

Gas taxes should be the ONLY thing that pays for roads and infrastructure and NOT income taxes. Those who don’t want to pay for roads then should not drive. By paying for roads with gas taxes, the revenues are proportional to the USE of the infrastructure, so this method of paying for the infrastructure will work just fine. We don’t object to paying gas taxes and many other types of taxes.

Income taxes were not used to pay for anything in this country and were not necessary to run this country for the first almost 100 years and they were repealed after the Civil War in 1872. Every attempt to reinstitute them has occurred because of the following two reasons:
1. During wars and national emergencies to pay for the war. We are no longer at declared war.
2. To regulate the supply of fiat currency during periods when we were not on a gold and/or silver standard.

Fiat currency is presently the ONLY reason to institute income taxes and that system has worked TREMENDOUS evil in this country as documented in the following and should be IMMEDIATELY abolished:

The Money Scam, Form #05.041
http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

All that using income taxes to pay for roads does is HIDE the true cost of traveling on the roadways, which we think is a mistake and promotes waste and misallocation of resources. EVERY tax instituted should be used to pay DIRECTLY and ONLY for the activity it is instituted upon and not go into general revenues of the government. That way, the tax is avoidable and therefore “voluntary” for those who avoid the activity. Any deviation from this approach simply causes government slavery and/or theft.

Presently, when the government wants to mint money, they have to print the notes and then borrow them from the Federal Reserve at interest. The government shouldn’t be borrowing its OWN money that it minted from a PRIVATE banking cartel and certainly shouldn’t be paying interest on that money to private bankers. Hence, the main reason for continuing income taxation, which is the fraudulent fiat currency scam, is not a valid reason for continuing it.

3.18 Do you believe that people should not have to have or use government issued identifying numbers such as Social Security Numbers or Taxpayer Identification Numbers?

We believe that no one should be forced to do anything by any government unless they have committed a crime. The civil laws require consent but the criminal laws do not. Social Security Numbers and Taxpayer Identification Numbers are property of the government and as such:

1. May ONLY be used in the conduct of official government business by public officers.
2. May not lawfully be possessed or used by PRIVATE people.
3. May not lawfully be used by banks or financial institutions without embezzling government property.
4. May not lawfully be used to create NEW public offices or “employees” within the government. If this is violated, 18 U.S.C. §912 says a crime has been committed.
5. May not lawfully be used in a civil or enforcement context without the EXPRESS WRITTEN CONSENT of the party in EACH SPECIFIC case.
6. Are being criminally abused if their use is compelled by ANYONE. 42 U.S.C. §408(a)(8).
7. May not lawfully be used to either establish or enforce any civil franchise within the boundaries of a constitutional state. The ONLY place they can be used is on federal territory and against people DOMICILED on federal territory. It is unconstitutional and a criminal offense to use them within the boundaries of a constitutional state. See:

Why It Is Illegal for Me to Request or Use a “Taxpayer Identification Number”, Form #04.205
http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

For more details on the subject of your question, see:

About SSNs and TINs on Government Forms and Correspondence, Form #05.012
http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

3.19 Do YOU have a Social Security Number?

You cannot legally “have” or “own” that which is property of someone else. You ask us to practice what George Orwell calls “double think”: Believing two things that simultaneously contradict themselves. The regulations at 20 C.F.R. §422.103(d) say the card and number belong to the Social Security Administration and NOT the holder of the card. Hence, anyone using or possessing the card must be a public official on official business or they are guilty of criminal theft and embezzlement. I do not consent to act as a public official and cannot unilaterally elect myself into that status, and therefore I cannot lawfully “have” or use a Social Security Number in connection with any financial transaction. Furthermore, anyone who compels me to use such a number if I am not lawfully acting as a public official at the time is committing the crimes documented in the following:
3.20 How would government work if you had your way?

We have put together a complete plan on how government would work that can be used as a play book of sorts by individual groups in forming their own COMPETING governments that fire or replace the existing dysfunctional ones. It fixes all the defects in the present USA Constitution to prevent the kind of abuses by the legal profession that are rampant today:

Self Government Federation: Articles of Confederation, Form #13.002
http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

3.21 If you’re not against government, what exactly ARE you against as it pertains to government?

We are against government corruption and violations of the equal rights of ALL. That corruption is implemented by the following mechanisms which we list in:

About Us, Section 1
http://sedm.org/Ministry/AboutUs.htm

To be more precise, below are the SPECIFIC types of government corruption that we seek legal remedy for:

ABOUT US

1. What and Who are We?

We are not "tax protesters", "tax defiers", or "tax deniers". As a matter of fact, those who have such motivations are discouraged from becoming Members of our ministry and if they become members are "Members in Bad Standing". We do not challenge the lawfulness or Constitutionality of any part of the Internal Revenue Code or any state revenue code and we believe that these codes are completely Constitutional as written and when correctly applied to federal territory, domiciliaries, and franchises ONLY pursuant to Article 4, Section 3, Clause 2 of the United States Constitution. HOWEVER, we also believe that the way they are willfully MISREPRESENTED to the American public, and the way they are MALADMINISTERED by the IRS, state revenue agencies, and the courts are willfully and maliciously deceptive and in many cases grossly illegal and injurious. If these revenue codes were truthfully represented and faithfully administered completely consistent with what they say, and more importantly their legislative intent and the Constitution, we believe that there would be almost NO "taxpayers". The only reason there are "taxpayers" is because most Americans have been maliciously and deliberately deceived by public servants about their true nature and to the very limited audience of people who are their only proper subject. Our enemy is not the government, the IRS, or even taxes, but instead is all the following: techniques for introducing collectivism into an otherwise free society:

1. Legal ignorance on the part of Americans that allows public servants to abuse their authority and violate the law. We have met the enemy, and it is our own ignorance of the law.

“One who turns his ear from hearing the law [God's law or man's law], even his prayer is an abomination.”
[Prov. 28:9, Bible, NKJV]

“But this crowd that does not know [and quote and follow and use] the law is accursed.”
[John 7:49, Bible, NKJV]

“Salvation is far from the wicked, For they do not seek Your statutes.”
[Psalm 119:155, Bible, NKJV]
"Every man is supposed to know the law. A party who makes a contract [or enters into a franchise, which is also a contract] with an officer [of the government] without having it reduced to writing is knowingly accessory to a violation of duty on his part. Such a party aids in the violation of the law." [Clark v. United States, 95 U.S. 539 (1877)]

2. The abuse of presumption to injure the rights of sovereign Americans, in violation of due process of law and God's law found in Numbers 15:30. Much of this presumption is compelled by the government by willfully dumbing-down the average American about legal subjects in the public (government) schools. This makes the legal profession into essentially a "priesthood" and a pagan "religion" that the average American blindly worships and obeys, without ever questioning authority. It is a supreme injustice to proceed against a person without every conclusion being based ONLY on fact and not presumption, opinion, or belief. [Click here] for a detailed article on this scam and sin.

"But the person who does anything presumptuously, whether he is native-born or a stranger, that one brings reproach on the LORD, and he shall be cut off from among his people." [Numbers 15:30, Bible, NKJV]

"Due Process: […] If any question of fact or liability be conclusively be presumed [rather than proven with evidence] against him, this is not due process of law [in fact, it is the OPPOSITE of due process]." [Black's Law Dictionary, Sixth Edition, p. 500]

(1) [8:4993] Conclusive presumptions affecting protected interests: A conclusive presumption may be defeated when its application would impair a party's constitutionally-protected liberty or property interests. In such cases, conclusive presumptions have been held to violate a party's due process and equal protection rights. [Vlandis v. Kline (1973) 412 U.S. 441, 449, 93 S.Ct. 2230, 2235; Cleveland Bd. of Ed. v. LaFleur (1974) 414 U.S. 632, 639-640, 94 S.Ct. 1208, 1215-presumption under Illinois law that unmarried fathers are unfit violates process]

[Click Rutter Group Practice Guide-Federal Civil Trials and Evidence, paragraph 8:4993, page 8K-34]

3. Public servants deceiving the public by portraying "Private Law" as "Public Law". [Click here] for an article on this subject.

4. Public servants refusing to acknowledge the requirement for consent in all human interactions. [Click here] for an article on this subject.

5. Willful omissions from government websites and publications that keep the public from hearing the whole truth is not what these sources say, but what they DON'T say. The Great IRS Hoax, Form #11-302 (OFFSITE LINK) contains over 2,000 pages of what the GOVERNMENT regards as facts that neither the IRS nor any one in government is willing to reveal to you because it would destroy the gravy train of plunder that pays their bloated salaries and fat retirement in criminal violation of 18 U.S.C. §208.

6. The abuse of "words of art" to deceive the people in both government publications and the law itself. See:

6.1 Sovereignty Forms and Instructions Online, Form #10.004, Cites by Topic (OFFSITE LINK) for examples.

6.2 Legal Deception, Propaganda, and Fraud, Form #05.014-explains games to unlawfully expand legal definitions

6.3 Citizenship Status v. Tax Status, Form #10.011-shows how STATUTORY v. CONSTITUTIONAL contexts and GEOGRAPHICAL v. LEGAL contexts are confused to usurp jurisdiction.

6.4 Rules of Presumption and Statutory Interpretation, Litigation Tool #01.006-prevents abuse of words of art during litigation.

7. The lack of "equal protection of the law" in courts of justice relating to the statements and actions of public servants, whereby the IRS doesn't have to assume responsibility for its statements and actions, and yet persons who fill out tax forms can be thrown in jail and prosecuted for fraud if they emulate the IRS by being just as careless. This also includes "selective enforcement", where the DOG positively refuses to prosecute submitters of false information returns but spends a disproportionate share of its resources prosecuting false income tax returns. They do this because they are more interested in STEALING your money than in justice. See:

7.1 Federal Courts and IRS: Own IRS Say NOT RESPONSIBLE for its actions or its words or following its own internal procedures (OFFSITE LINK)
7.2 Requirement for Equal Protection and Equal Treatment, Form #05.033

7.3 Government Establishment of Religion, Form #05.038 -how government establishes itself as a pagan deity and a religion by using franchises to systematically destroy the separation of powers and the requirement for equal protection

8. Abuses of franchises that undermine the protection of private rights by the government and the courts:
8.1 Offering or enforcing NATIONAL franchises within states of the Union or outside of the federal territory and federal domiciliaries that they are limited to. This results in a destruction of the separation of powers.

8.2 Enforcing franchises, such as a "trade or business" without requiring explicit written consent in some form, such as the issuance and voluntary signing of an application for a license.

8.3 Forcing non-franchisees into franchise courts against their consent. This is a violation of the Fifth Amendment takings clause and the prohibition against eminent domain.

8.4 Refusing to satisfy the burden of proof upon government opponents in a franchise court that the owner of the property subject to the dispute VOLUNTARILY donated it to a public use, public purpose, and public office. In other words, that all property is PRIVATE until it is proven on the record with evidence that the owner EXPRESSLY AND VOLUNTARILY DONATED it to PUBLIC use and thereby made it subject to government jurisdiction.

8.5 Abusing sovereign immunity to protect franchise administrators such as the IRS from illegal enforcement of the franchise against non-franchisees. All franchises are PRIVATE rather than GOVERNMENTAL in nature and governments who offer them drop down to the level of ordinary persons when they offer them.

8.6 Refusing to provide a way to quit franchises or hiding forms for doing so.

8.7 PRESUMING or pretending like there is no such thing as a non-franchisee or non-taxpayer or that EVERYONE is a statutory "taxpayer". This compels people to contract with the government and interferes with their First Amendment right to legally and politically associate. See Your Exclusive Right to Declare or Establish Your Civil Status, Form #13.008.

8.8 Attorney licensing, which destroys the integrity of the legal profession in its role as a check and balance when the government or especially the judiciary becomes corrupt as it is now.

8.9 Abuse of the federal income tax system, which is a franchise and an excuse, to bribe states of the Union to give up their sovereignty, act like federal "States" and territories, and accept what amounts to federal bribes to disrespect the rights or those under their care and protection. Click here for details.

See the following for details on the above abuses: Government Instituted Slavery Using Franchises, Form #05.030.

9. Efforts to destroy the separation of powers that is the main protection for our liberties. This results in abuses of the Court system for political, rather than legal, purposes (politicization of the courts). All of the federal courts we have now are Article IV, territorial courts that are part of the Executive, rather than Judicial Branch of the de facto government. As such, there is no separation of powers and nothing but tyranny can result. See the following for proof of this destruction:

9.1 Government Conspiracy to Destroy the Separation of Powers, Form #05.023- shows how lying, thieving public servants have systematically destroyed the separation of powers since the founding of this country

9.2 What Happened to Justice?, Form #06.012-book which proves that we have no Judicial Branch within the federal government, and that all the existing federal courts are acting in an Article IV territorial capacity as part of the Executive, rather than Judicial, branch of the government.

9.3 How Scoundrels Corrupted our Republican Form of Government, Family Guardian Fellowship (OFFSITE LINK)-brief overview of how the separation of powers has been systematically destroyed

10. The abuse of the government's power to tax in order to transfer wealth between private individuals, which makes the government into a thief and a Robindhood. This includes:

10.1 Enforcing the tax laws against other than "public officers" of the government. Click here for details.

10.2 Offering government "benefits" of any kind to anyone who does not ALREADY work for the government. Click here for details.

11. Corruption of our monetary system that allows the government to:

11.1 Counterfeit while denying to all others the right, thus creating an unconstitutional "Title of Nobility" for itself and making itself into a pagan deity, and denying the equal protection to all that is the foundation of the Constitution.

11.2 STEAL from the American people by diluting the value of money already into circulation.

11.3 Exercise undue control over banks and financial institutions that causes them to effectively become federal employment recruiters for the federal government by compelling use of government identifying numbers for those pursuing accounts or loans.

Click here for details on the above SCAMS.

12. Creating, perpetuating, condoning, or in any way protecting conflicts of financial interest within the government that cause the self-interest to undermine the requirements of the law, EQUALITY, or the protection of exclusively PRIVATE rights by:

12.1 Making judges "taxpayers".

12.2 Making jurists or voters into "benefit" recipients, franchisees, and/or public officers.
12.3 Allowing judges to act in a POLITICAL mode within any franchise court in the Executive rather than Judicial Branch. This also violates the separation of powers.

12.4 Turning police officers into revenue collectors who enforce malum-prohibitum offenses that result in revenue to the state.

12.5 Allowing any judicial officer or witness to receive any kind of financial reward for essentially compelling someone to assume any civil status under any civil franchise, including the income tax.

12.6 Allowing judges to act BOTH as an Article III judge AND an Article IV judge at the same time.

12.7 Allowing PRIVATE citizens to appear before a franchise judge with a financial conflict of interest.

12.8 Making ordinary citizens ALSO into public officers in any context OTHER than as a jurist or voter. This causes income taxes to become poll taxes and disenfranchise all those who insist on remaining private.

12.9 Constitutional states surrendering their sovereignty and agreeing to act essentially as federal territories or federal corporations in exchange for participation in national franchises such as Social Security, Medicare, etc.

12.10 Governments going into debt and thereby becoming financial slaves to banks or bank cartels. This includes a debt based fiat currency system such as the federal reserve.

13. Active interference with common law remedies for the protection of PRIVATE rights from abuse by government actors. Governments are established exclusively to protect PRIVATE rights and PRIVATE property. Any attempt to undermine such rights without the express written consent of the owner in each case is not only NOT a classical “government” function, but is an ANTIGovernment function that amounts to a MAFIA “protection racket”. This includes but is not limited to:

13.1 Refusing to recognize or protect PRIVATE property or PRIVATE rights, the essence of which is the RIGHT TO EXCLUDE anyone and everyone from using or benefiting from the use of the property.

13.2 PRESUMING that “a government OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, and FOR THE PEOPLE” is a government in which everyone is a public officer.

13.3 Refusing to recognize or allow constitutional remedies and instead substituting STATUTORY remedies available only to public officers.

13.4 Interfering with introduction of evidence that the court or forum is ONLY allowed to hear disputes involving public officers in the government.

13.5 PRESUMING or ASSUMING that the ownership of the property subject to dispute is QUALIFIED rather than ABSOLUTE and that the party the ownership is shared with is the government.

13.6 Allowing government “benefit” recipients to be decision makers in cases involving PRIVATE rights. This is a denial of a republican form of government, which is founded on impartial decision makers.


13.7 Interfering with or sanctioning litigants who insist on discussing the laws that have been violated in the courtroom or prohibiting jurists from reading the laws in question or accessing the law library in the courthouse while serving as jurists. This transforms a society of law into a society of men and allows the judge to substitute HIS will in place of what the law expressly requires.

13.8 Illegally and unconstitutionally invoking the Declaratory Judgments Act or the Anti-Injunction Act as an excuse to NOT protect PRIVATE rights from government interference in the case of EXCLUSIVELY PRIVATE people who are NOT statutory “taxpayers”. See Flawed Tax Arguments to Avoid, Form #08.004, Sections 8.11 and 8.12.

13.9 Interfering with ways to change or correct your citizenship or statutory status in government records. That “status” is the “res” to which all franchise rights attach, usually ILLEGALLY.

14. Efforts to define the word “justice” in the context of secular law to mean anything OTHER than the right to be left alone and the obligation to provide remedy for demonstrated injury AFTER the injury occurs. See: What is “Justice”? Form #05.050. All such efforts result in INJUSTICE and promote violations of the constitution.

For an instructional video that describes techniques of government deception and propaganda that accomplish all the above malicious abuses, see:

Foundations of Freedom, Form #12.021, Video 4: Willful Government Deception and Propaganda

[About Us Page, SOURCE: http://sedm.org/AboutUs/]

You, the reader, can find detailed documentation and legal evidence proving all the ill effects of the above types of corruption on our site at the location below:

Government Corruption, Form #11.401
http://sedm.org/GovCorruption/GovCorruption.htm

4 Resources for further Research and Rebuttal

If you would like to study the subjects described herein further, we highly recommend the following resources:
1. **What is “Justice”?** Form #05.050-proves that most of what the present government does is INJUSTICE from a legal perspective, rather than “justice” as legally defined.
   
   http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

2. **What is “law”?** Form #05.048-why most of what Congress enacts is not “law” as legally defined, but a voluntary civil franchise that we choose NOT to volunteer for.
   
   http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

3. **Sovereignty for Police Officers.** Form #12.022 – introduction to LAWFUL and PEACEFUL sovereignty concepts for police officers.
   
   http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

4. **Foundations of Freedom, Form #12.021, Video 2: Freedom, Sovereignty, and Justice**
   
   http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

5. **Sovereignty and Freedom Points and Authorities, Litigation Tool #10.018**-exhaustive legal authorities that you, the interviewer or media person can and should show your corporate legal counsel which prove the legal basis for everything on this site. These authorities are usable as legal evidence in court in defending the rights claimed.
   
   https://sedm.org/Litigation/LitIndex.htm

6. **Government Identity Theft, Form #05.046**-Proves that the present de facto government is an organized crime syndicate that has made a business out of kidnapping for profit, just like most terrorists
   
   http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

7. **Policy Document: Rebutted False Arguments Against This Website, Form #08.011**-rebuts common false arguments about our ministry and our website.
   
   http://sedm.org/disclaimer.htm

8. **Policy Document: Rebutted False Arguments About Sovereignty, Form #08.018-** rebuttal to common false arguments about sovereignty advocates.
   
   http://sedm.org/disclaimer.htm

9. **SEDM Articles of Mission, Form #01.004**-detailed description of the purposes and operation of our religious ministry
   
   http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

10. **SEDM About Us Page**-details on the SEDM ministry
    
    http://sedm.org/Ministry/AboutUs.htm

11. **SEDM Disclaimer**-basis for credibility of our materials
    
    http://sedm.org/disclaimer.htm

12. **SEDM Frequently Asked Questions**-criticisms and questions about the SEDM website and our official response
    
    http://sedm.org/FAQs/FAQs.htm

13. **Government Burden of Proof**, Form #05.025-burden of proof the government must meet in rebutting our materials
    
    http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm