

# **Sovereign Citizens & Your Local Government**

**The Sovereign Citizen Movement, Threat and  
Solutions**

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# What is a Sovereign Citizen?

**FBI definition:** “individuals who openly reject their US citizenship status, believe that most forms of established government, authority, and institutions are illegitimate, and seek, wholly or in part, through unlawful acts of force or violence, to further their claim to be immune from government authority.”



Anti-government extremists who believe that though they physically reside in this country, they are separate or “sovereign” from the United States.

# The Sovereign Citizen Movement

Civil War Conspiracy Theory: Government Infiltrated and Replaced with illegitimate tyrannical laws to enslave.

Sovereign Citizens declared Sovereignty from Illegitimate Government

**1970-80's** Posse Comitatus and increasing militia groups in the U.S.

**1993** Waco, Texas Siege of Branch Davidians, 80 killed

**1995** Oklahoma City Bombing Federal Building, Deadliest Domestic Terrorism Attack 168 Killed

**2008** President Obama Elected; 2nd Wave of Conservative Militia

**2016-?** Trump Era, Extremism on Rise, 1/6/21 Insurgent Attack U.S. Capital

# Groups with Sovereign Citizen Beliefs:

Aware Group,  
Washitaw Nation,  
Republic of United States of America,  
Freeman,  
Freeman of the Land,  
Sons of Liberty,  
Aryan Nation,  
Moorish Science Temple of America,  
Galactic Citizens,  
Constitutionalists

# Groups with Sovereign Citizen Beliefs (*Continued*)

These groups, as a whole, comprise the Patriot Movement, and it has been growing and gaining mainstream attention, particularly since the January 6, 2021 insurrection.

The Far Right Movement views the Federal Government as too powerful and overreaching regarding Constitutional liberties, taxation and guns.

# U.S. Watchdog Groups:

Southern Poverty Law Center

Anti-Defamation League

Program on Extremism at George  
Washington University

National Consortium for the Study of  
Terrorism and Responses to  
Terrorism at University of Maryland

# International Entities

Institute for Strategic Dialogue

# Growing Presence: We Are All Likely to Encounter Sovereign Citizens

## Section 802; USA Patriot Act(2001)

A person engages in domestic terrorism if they do an act "*dangerous to human life*" that is a violation of the criminal laws of a state or the United States, if the act appears to be intended to:

- (i) intimidate or coerce a civilian population;
- (ii) influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or
- (iii) to affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination or kidnapping.

Defined as  
Domestic  
Terrorists

2001 Federal Government (FBI & Department of Justice) labelled Sovereign Citizens Domestic Terrorists and Federal & State laws adopted to deal with increased radicalization.

Growing  
Presence  
Internationally

Sovereign Citizens – Many Belonging to the “Freeman”; tracked in Australia, Canada, England, Scotland, Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, New Zealand, New South Wales, South Africa.

# Profiles of Individual Radicalization in the United States (PIRUS)

National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, University of Maryland

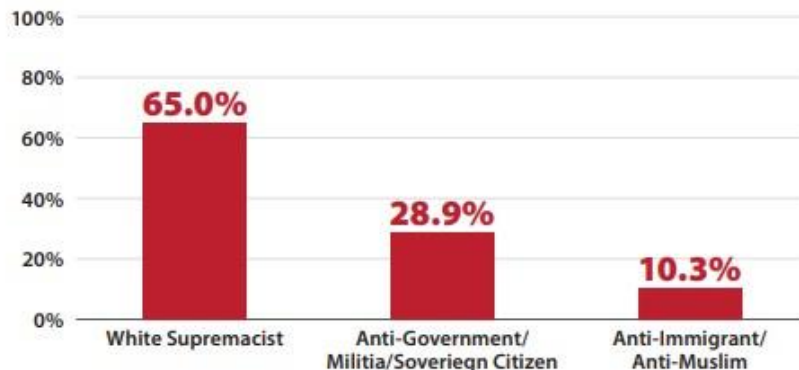
## Sub-Ideologies of Far-Right Extremists in the U.S., 1948-2018 (N=977)

The PIRUS data also capture the sub-ideological affiliations of U.S. extremists, showing both distinct and overlapping views within the far-right and far-left movements.

Among far-right extremists, the majority (65%) demonstrate some expression of **White supremacism**, a view that people of European descent (typically Christians and especially men) are inherently superior to others and should therefore dominate social, political, and cultural institutions.

**Anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim views are typically integrated into White supremacists' racialized definitions of religion, ethnicity, and nationality.**

However, some far-right extremists are animated directly in opposition to people who are or are perceived to be immigrants or are of the Islamic faith. Nearly 30 percent of all far-right extremists in the dataset from 2015-2018 were motivated by anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim views compared to 8 percent from 2006-2015.



Note: Chart reflects the percent of far-right extremists in PIRUS who are associated with specific sub-ideologies. Individual extremists may be coded for up to three sub-ideologies, so total percent of cases does not equal 100.

Finally, nearly 30 percent of the far-right extremists in the PIRUS database are or were members of the **Sovereign Citizen movement, anti-government militias, and/or express anti-government views.** While some anti-government extremists also subscribe to racist, nativist, and anti-Semitic views, others are motivated by a belief that the federal government lacks legitimate governing authority and they work actively to disrupt the enforcement of tax, land, traffic, and weapons laws.



STOP

**Are Encounters with Sovereign Citizens Cause for Concern  
for Municipalities, the Judiciary,  
and Courts?**

# How Will You Cross Paths With A Sovereign Citizen?

## **Courts:**

Paper Terrorism, Fraudulent Liens, Fraudulent Deeds, Fraudulent Orders, Fraudulent License Plates, Fraudulent Registration, Fraudulent Mortgages, Fraudulent UCC Statements, Filings from purported and false judicial or administrative bodies. (Fraudulent yet simulant genuine paper documents)

## **Law Enforcement:**

Traffic stops, violent crime (assaults, improper gun usage, gun ownership and open carry), squatters due to fraudulent documents/evictions, warrants, process of service or service of warrants, trespass onto municipal property or hospitals; mass gatherings; Constitutional Sheriffs.

Law Enforcement engagement and encounters with sovereign citizens on your streets and as uncooperative, disruptive and possibly violent residents.

# How Will You Cross Paths with A Sovereign Citizen? *(Continued)*

## **Municipalities:**

Interference with the business of elected officials in open meetings, election and polling interference, Utilities, difficulty in opening a municipal utility account without proper identification. Permitting difficulties, Zoning violations & enforcement; collection nightmare if a nonentity opens a municipal utility account and fails to pay.. 1st Amendment auditors videoing city hall in municipal buildings, numerous and broad public information act requests. Municipal Harassment Filings against public officials.

## **Municipal Court:**

No ID, no license, no insurance or fraudulent documents, refusal to execute documents with anything other than “X”, refusal to recognize authority of a municipal court or judge regarding their actions, use the forum to espouse or argue beliefs, and likely to engage in paper terrorism to impede court procedures.

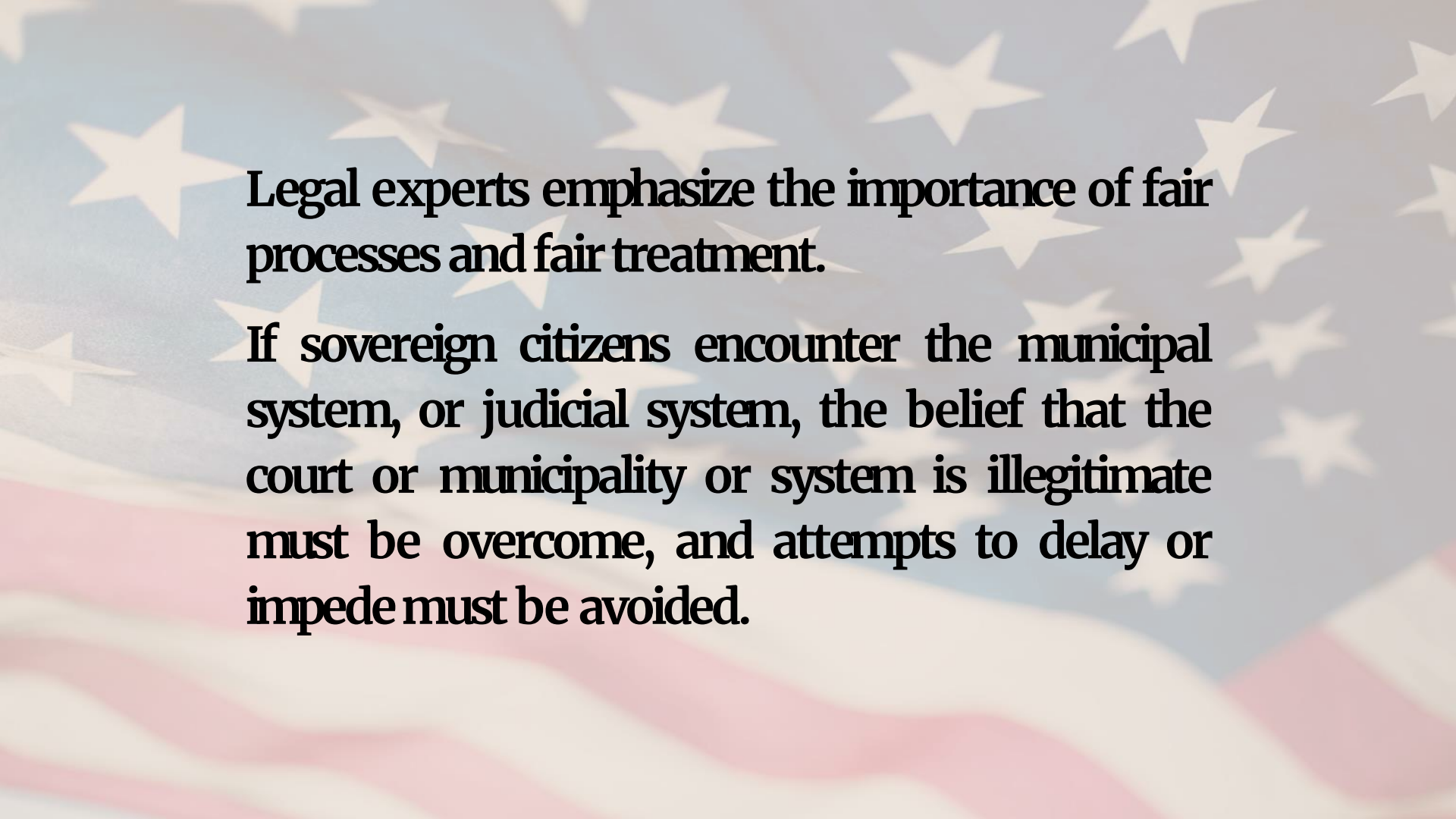
# Sovereign Citizen Activities, Schemes & Strategies

## Paper Terrorism

- Bogus filings, liens, deeds, conveyances
- Fraudulent UCC filing of finance statements
- Filing fake but legitimate IRS forms such as 1099's
- Real estate and mortgage fraud; HUD fraud; squatters
- Credit Repair Schemes (e.g. *KMD Credit, KMD Capital, Jeff Funding*)
- School Board meetings disrupted targeted by groups (e.g. *Let them Breathe*)
- Fabricated Arbitration Rulings (e.g. *HMP Arbitration Association; HMP Arbitration Association*)
- Common Law Courts created by sovereign citizens
- Traffic Enforcement
- Refusal to pay taxes, municipal fees, fines, permits

# Solutions & Strategies



The background of the image is a faded American flag, showing the stars and stripes. The stars are white and arranged in a grid pattern on a blue field, while the stripes are red and white.

**Legal experts emphasize the importance of fair processes and fair treatment.**

**If sovereign citizens encounter the municipal system, or judicial system, the belief that the court or municipality or system is illegitimate must be overcome, and attempts to delay or impede must be avoided.**

# States Passing Harsher Laws & Criminal Penalties to deter fraudulent filings of liens, litigation, bogus court filings

**Imperative to deter and avoid non-compliant behavior and disruptive tactics**

**Obstruction & Manipulation are the Goals of a Sovereign Citizen**

**Do Not Lose Patience**

**Be Reasonable**

**Be Fair**

Courts are employing pre-emptive and preventative measures **such as pre-filing injunctions**, also known as “gatekeeper orders,” to prevent litigants from filing new lawsuits or other filings without leave of court.

The All Writs Act (28 U.S.C. § 1651(a)) authorizes federal district courts to withhold judicial access from parties who repeatedly file frivolous suits.[1]

# Pro Se Litigants

Jessica K. Phillips writes that a sovereign citizen can be distinguished from a true pro se litigant because they receive support and resources from the community of sovereign citizens, whereas a true pro se litigant represents themselves without outside aid or guidance.



**Additionally, a sovereign citizen enters the court, “not to win the case, but to use the courtroom as a forum of protest against the very existence of the judicial system and Federalism itself.”**

By distinguishing between actual pro se litigants and sovereign citizens, judges can cut down on inefficiencies and focus instead on rendering leniency towards those litigants in true need of support.

# Practical Tools, References & Solutions

## Understand the Mindset

### Online Publications & Websites:

“The Citizens Rule Handbook”; “The Unanimous Declaration”

“Title 4 Flag Says You’re Schwag! The Sovereign Citizen’s Handbook”

“Sovereign-Citizen.net”

“Continental United States of America Marshalls”

“National Liberty Alliance”

“Rise of the Moors”

Amazon.com

# Practical Tools & References (*Continued*)

U.S. Department Homeland Security Digital Library [www.hsdl.org](http://www.hsdl.org). Numerous titles/bulletins including:

**“Attention HUD REO Contractors, Property Inspectors, Section 8 Administrators, and Realtors: Watch out: Sovereign Citizen Scams”**.

**“Uncommon Law: Understanding and Quantifying the Sovereign Citizen Movement”**.

**“Weapons of Mass Distraction: Strategies for Countering the Paper Terrorism of Sovereign Citizens”**.

**“Posse Comitatus/Sovereign Citizens: A brief bibliography”**.

CAUSE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
-- JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

\_\_\_\_\_  
plaintiff )  
v. )SS.  
JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_  
JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_  
defendant's

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HARRIS

DECLARATION OF POLITICAL STATUS PRIVATE INDIGENOUS ABORIGINAL BORN AMERICAN

AFFIDAVIT OF FACTS

1. My name is \_\_\_\_\_
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ is a Living Breathing Soul created by God
- 3.1 \_\_\_\_\_ Bleeds when my Flesh is cut.
- 4.1 \_\_\_\_\_ bom on the soil of the land
- 5.1 \_\_\_\_\_ is not a resident of District of Columbia
- 6.1 \_\_\_\_\_ am not the ALL CAP TYPED STYLED NAME \_\_\_\_\_
- 7.1 \_\_\_\_\_ is a Indigenous to the soil and land of Turtle Island/North America
- 8.1 \_\_\_\_\_ Reserve All My Living Breathing Without Prejudice living on this land
9. J \_\_\_\_\_ uDo Not Consent" to no Contract without with any Entity without my full knowledge

and understand and a meeting of the minds.

10. I \_\_\_\_\_ Type Style Name is \_\_\_\_\_

Signed on \_\_\_ day of \_\_ 2022

INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, on this day personally appeared the person know by me to be \_\_\_\_\_ who, after being by me fully sworn, testified as follows:

My Name is \_\_\_\_\_ I am over the age 18 and I am competent to testify to these matters. I have personally knowledge of all such facts are true and correct

 /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Affiant  
All Rights Reserved  
Without Prejudice

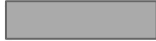
SUBSCRIBE AND SWORN TO before me on

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

SEAL

# Examples Of Sovereign Citizen Declarations And Signature



SERIAL NUMBER NO: GOD BLESS AMERICA – TEXAS 2020-1

TO:

MUNICIPAL COURT – ROSENBERG, TEXAS (Case#19-63985)  
MAYOR OF ROSENBERG, TEXAS  
COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, ROSENBERG, TEXAS  
GOVERNOR OF TEXAS & GOVERNORS OF VARIOUS U.S. STATES  
SENATORS & CONGRESSMAN  
INVESTOR RELATIONSHIP - CAPITAL ONE  
INVESTOR RELATIONSHIP - LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE  
INVESTOR RETALTIONSHIP - AMERIPRISE INSURANCE

TO:

OTHER UNDISCLOSED PARTIES MAY INCLUDE:

NEWS ORGANIZATION  
FOREIGN EMBASSIES, PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTERS, KINGS AND QUEENS.  
SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES  
LAWYERS AND JUDGES  
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS  
CREDIT AGENCIES  
DMV

TO:

OTHER STATES GOVERNORS, SENATORS, CONGRESSMAN, GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES  
AND CANDIDATES FOR 2020 ELECTIONS

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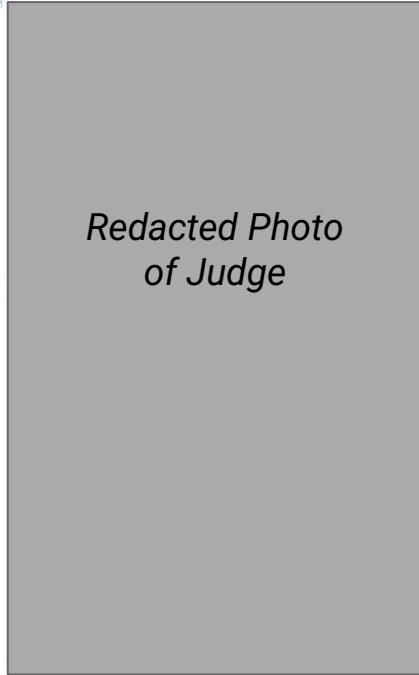
FRIENDS, RELATIVES, NEIGHBORS, BUSINESS ASSOCIATES, ETC.

TO:

STUDENTS



**DISHONEST, IMMORAL & UNJUST**



*Redacted Photo  
of Judge*

1. Please send tape recording of conversation of first and second court visit.
2. Please send time of my entry and out
3. Please send recording of speeding and also adjacent cars taken by Police.

4. How you comprised "Driving Safety Course" ?
5. How you comprised the "Driving History" ?
6. Do you know my Profession?
7. I want all my correspondences back in Municipal Court Letter with your signature.
8. What was sent in Certified Mail 7019 1640 0001 0090 3443 under U.S. Government PS Form 3800 costed \$ 6.95 dated May 12, 2020
9. You know the meaning of "Judge"  
**Judge - definition of judge by The Free Dictionary**  
[www.thefreedictionary.com/judge](http://www.thefreedictionary.com/judge) ✓  
 a. One who makes estimates as to worth, quality, or fitness: a good **judge** of used cars; a poor **judge** of character.
10. You are in violation of "Pledge of Allegiance".



### Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag  
 of the United States of America  
 and to the republic for which it stands,  
 one nation under God, indivisible,  
 with liberty and justice for all.

First visit - Paid for 15 minutes - \$ 134

Second visit - Paid for 10 minutes - \$ 206



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APPLIED: 206.00-

CHANGE: 0.00

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SENIOR CITIZEN -

