

# Fake Judges: How & Why Sovereign Citizens are Undermining Patriot Groups

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**4/4/16 UPDATE:** One of my readers has brought to my attention that [Shawna Cox](#), the same individual who read the entirety of the “[redress of grievance](#)” during one of those press conferences at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, has since renounced her affiliation with the sovereign citizenship ideology in the aftermath of her filing a [Notice of Criminal Counter Suite Against Federal Employees](#) on February 17<sup>th</sup> of 2016, when she initially declared herself to be a sovereign citizen. As a result, I have altered both the article and its picture to reflect this newest development. Also, I have removed the [Freemen-on-the-Land](#) advocates from the new article picture because as non-Americans, their inclusion was crowding out the actual sovereign citizens visually. Otherwise, this article remains largely unchanged.

“Stay away from the Freeman-on-the-Land and the sovereignty theories, they don’t work...and your ‘guru’ is not doing it himself...it’s all talk, it’s all theory, it’s all wishful thinking, and your ‘guru’ is going to get you in trouble...I’m sorry that you fell for it. I hope you haven’t put it to the test and found out for yourself. I hope you haven’t had to discover that it doesn’t work and end up in prison...I’m not quite sure who you think is succeeding with this stuff... I’m sorry that you think people are enforcing claims, trust indentures, UCC-1s, and liens. I’m sorry that you think that, but it’s not happening in reality.”

– [Ben Lowry](#)

“Sovereign” citizens, briefly defined, are political dissidents whose misunderstanding of the government’s own laws entices them into believing that they can reign in Leviathan with nothing more than declaring themselves legally immune from governmental coercion. Their methods of using “[fee schedules](#),” [filing](#)



From top to bottom & left to right: Alfred Adask, Anna von Reitz, Bruce Doucette, Donald Barber, John David van Hove, J.M. Sovereign Godsent, Mike School, Winston Shrou, & Tim Turner.

[liens](#), and “[Accepted for Value](#)” have not been proven efficacious at all, thereby not satisfying [Hitchens’ razor](#). Similarly, their rhetoric about the [Title 4 flag](#), the Uniform Commercial Code, and the “corporate UNITED STATES” is simply nothing more than mere [patriot mythology](#).

Despite this, the “sovereigns” have wormed back into the [news cycle](#) as well as the [American patriot movement](#). In 2010, [Tim Turner](#) became President of the “[Republic of the united States of America](#)” (perhaps thinking that meant he was President of the United States), at least until he was [indicted](#), [convicted](#), and [lost on appeal](#) his case involving a variety of criminal violations between 2012 – 2014. On January 30<sup>th</sup> of 2015, the RuSA hijacked the simulcast of [William Wolf’s lecture about Committees of Safety](#) by claiming to the other simulcasters that only their live feed was stable enough to support all the out-of-state listeners; this subsequently gave the false impression that

Committees of Safety are a “sovereign” citizen thing.

Throughout 2015, the “sovereigns” appear to be declaring themselves to be fake judges. [Anna von Reitz](#) declared herself an “Alaska State Superior Court Judge” in her [Declaration of Judgeship](#) on April 28<sup>th</sup>; [Bruce Doucette](#), on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, signed his [Oath for Constitutional Superior Court Judge](#), and [Gary Darby](#) signed his “oath of office” on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Last time I checked, it was statutorily illegal to impersonate a government agent, pursuant to [Title 18 United States Code § 912](#) & [Texas Penal Code § 37.11](#).

[As you may remember](#), Bruce Doucette was the very same individual who worked alongside Rodger Marsh in order to sucker those Coloradan off-grid homesteaders into becoming “sovereign” citizens. Doucette swore in his “judgeship” a mere **five months** before the “Meet the Judge” event in Costilla County; similarly, Darby swore in his “judgeship” a mere **six months** before he made the now infamous [phone call to that provost marshal](#), which was [rightfully mocked](#) once it became apparent that Darby wanted to sic the military against the Federal Bureau of Investigation during their operations in Harney County, Oregon. Unfortunately, “judge” Darby [gave an interview](#) to none other than vlogger Professor Doom, who gave such an air of credibility to Darby that another vlogger, Montagraph, [rightfully schooled the “professor”](#) for his [tolerance of Darby’s nonsense](#).

The fact of the matter is that the “sovereign” citizens have been attempting to twist the [Committee of Safety](#) model to their own ends. It didn’t stop with just RuSA hijacking Wolf’s lecture, for [Chris Briels](#) and [Duane Schrock](#) of the [Harney County Committee of Safety](#) signed off on [a document that was dated January 31<sup>st</sup>](#), which asserted that the FBI worked for the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and as such, the Harney County Committee of Safety required the assistance of the provost marshal immediately to stop them. On [a follow-up document that is dated February 5<sup>th</sup>](#), Darby wrote:

*“Major: This letter was originally expected to be signed off by the Harney County Safety Committee and the Common Law Grand Jury...unfortunately, this was not possible because the invaders of Harney County are looking for them. These Americans are now deeply concerned of a reprisal against them both collectively and individually just for being part of a Constitutional Grand Jury. It is a fact, and it has been ‘Confirmed’ that the members of the Common Law Grand Jury and the Safety Committee of Harney County have been split up and placed in protective hiding in multiple locations because they are afraid of the FBI and likely BlackWater merceraries [sp] who are currently searching for these people.”*

I sincerely doubt Briels and Schrock, or [any of their fellow committeemen](#), were ever in hiding from anybody, especially considering that such a “fact” has never independently verified, to my knowledge. Nevertheless, the guilt by association of the Harney County Committee of Safety with a “citizens’ grand jury” is what Darby made here, and this is critical for understanding Doucette’s role in undermining the SLV Just Us group.

Simply put, Bruce Doucette’s purpose for his “Meet the Judge” event was the establishment of a “citizens’ grand jury,” who appeared to have [issued a writ of mandamus](#) on January 8<sup>th</sup> of 2016 “indicting” eight Costilla County government agents for “feloniously embezzling public funds.” On January 12<sup>th</sup>, [Doucette convened a similar “citizens’ grand jury” in Harney County](#), for presumably the same ends. Why would a “sovereign” citizen bother setting up such a franchise in the first place?

[Infinite Source Broadcast Network](#) and [Bards Logic Political Talk](#) conducted roundtable-styled “interviews” with

Bruce Doucette earlier this year. On [January 26<sup>th</sup>](#) and [January 27<sup>th</sup>](#), Doucette admitted that he wanted to convene “Seventh Amendment courts;” this is a rather odd project, because the Seventh Amendment only “guarantees” the [right to a jury trial in civil cases](#). He also admitted that he has established “superior court grand juries” in Colorado, Florida, Alaska, and Hawaii; additionally, he said that he personally “trains” new “superior court judges.” On [February 13<sup>th</sup>](#), Doucette claimed that he has had 17 years of experience in “restoring” the common law courts, and that the “Continental uNited States of America” (CuSA) has 15 – 20 “judges” and 15 – 20 “common law juries” right now in operation.

Interestingly enough, the [National Liberty Alliance](#) (NLA) was mentioned during two of Doucette’s interviews. In one, he said that CuSA has nothing to do with them, and in another, he said that John Daresh and the NLA are [controlled opposition](#). According to [an NLA document that is dated February 22<sup>nd</sup>](#), it says:

*“Government agent provocateurs have been fueling a quasi-shadow government movement that essentially advocates the overthrow of the government. People in this movement, led by de facto Judge Anna Von Reitz, de facto Bruce Doucette and de facto god-graced Administrator Joaquin Folch, who have taken on these self-appointed titles, are duping people from the liberty movements looking for a solution to the subversion within our government who, being ignorant of the law, fall pretty to the Pied Pipers. Many who are following these de facto judges, actually believe them to be properly elected or appointed.”*

This initially appears to jive more in line with what some of the off-grid homesteaders experienced with [Operation Patriot Rally Point](#), yet, the only thing I am certain of at this point is that the NLA and the CuSA are at odds with each other, for whatever reason. Contrary to the old adage, the enemy of my enemy is *not* always my friend.

Fake judges appear to be the latest trend amongst these “sovereign” citizen demagogues, yet, when was the last time “sovereign” citizens went on a [political fieldtrip](#)? Have any one of them ever served on [an actual government jury](#)? Did they [cancel their voter registration](#), or at the very least, [reclaim their unclaimed property](#)?

No, of course not, because that’s not the point, is it? Not only are “sovereign” citizens incompetent when it comes to [legal opportunism](#) (aka, “lawfare”), but they desire to proselytize falsehoods about “corporate governments” instead of the horrific truth that are the [administrative agencies, which are the fourth branch of government](#). Instead of correcting economic illiteracy, as libertarians do, “sovereign” citizens seek to promote [misinformation](#) about the government’s laws.

What can be done, if anything, about these “sovereign” citizens? Unlike the federal government and their corporate “partners,” I know that false accusations of “paper terrorism” are unfair and unwarranted, especially in light of what [terrorism legally means](#). Rather than entertaining [reformism](#) as an alternative to the “sovereigns,” I suggest the judicious use of [vetting and ostracism](#) in order to keep patriot groups as free as possible from the distracting influence of these useful idiots.

Like I’ve said before, [skepticism is healthy](#). Blindly accepting the latest pabulum inspires [the creation of satirical parodies](#) just as a response to the utter lunacy swirling around us. Sadly, those who falsely imagine themselves to be “awake” prefer to think that “organizing” people necessarily involves [counter-productive bickering](#), usually on Fascistbook. I’ll leave you with [this observation made by Stefan Molyneux](#):

*“It is our willingness to attack each other, it is our willingness to attack each other, it is our **willingness** to attach **each other**, that allows the hierarchy to continue; the State is not in Washington, the State is not in Moscow, the State is not in Tehran, the State is not in London; the State is in the defensive savagery of your fellow citizen who will emotionally abuse you, attack you, reject you, and ostracize you for pointing out the basic truths of our environment. To **see** the farm is to **leave** the farm; the farm is the willingness of your fellow slaves to attack you for pointing out the truth. You simply, if you want to be free (in my experience and opinion), you simply stop associating with people who will attack you for pointing out the basic moral, economic, and practical realities of our situation, of our **life**; the State survives, the State flourishes, the State **exists** ONLY because slaves praise it and attack fellow slaves for questioning its moral foundation.”*