

MY STANDPOINT

What is a Sovereign Individual?

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Webster's Dictionary says;

"sovereign - 1 a : one possessing or held to possess sovereignty b : one that exercises supreme authority within a limited sphere..."

"sovereignty - 1 supreme excellence or an example of it 2 a : supreme power esp. over a body politic b : freedom from external control : AUTONOMY c : controlling influence..."

"individual - 1 a : a particular being or thing as distinguished from a class, species, or collection: as (1) : a single human being as contrasted with a social group or institution..."

This all means, you rule your body, mind and all that they are capable of inventing, creating or accomplishing, including your labor. Common Law or Law of the Lands (as opposed to Law of the Seas), goes further to confirm that we, the people of the land, all have a right to own property.

Nobody can ever own land, oceans, trees, minerals, fossil fuels, air, winds or any other part of nature, nor it's creatures. One can only own the property associated with these elements. e.g. you own the house on the land but you can never own the land - you can own the furniture's made from trees but you cannot own the wood. It will always return to nature once you have used it. The same is true for land - it was there millions of years before humans arrived and it will be there long after the human species (and their properties) are gone. Just remember, there isn't a single structure built by humans that won't end up in a pile of rubble one day. In contrast, nature created the sturgeon over 100 million years ago.

Sovereign Individuality is "personal freedom" to do whatever you wish. Personal freedom means you have choices and you decide which of the choices are right for you. Sovereign Individuality means you make informed choices regarding the way you run your life and the worlds that you affect. There's only one Earth planet, but there are over six billion worlds on it these days, depending on who you are. The Sovereign Individual will recognize that every individual rules her/his body & mind and if you want another individual to do something for you, you *must* convince them to do it, or it's coercion, which is unacceptable. There are no ifs, ands or buts to get around the issue. Your human rights are your own - nobody can take them from you without your explicit consent, unless you cause damage or bring harm or grief to another person or their property (even then, harm or damage must be evident).

If this concept was widely believed by humans, we might never have wars. At least, there may not have been as many wars and/or fewer people who may have died in those wars.

Most wars, between two or more countries, have been fought to gain or protect

land/natural resources from the enemy - more strategic territory for the strongest army. Whoever runs out of soldiers and weapons first, loses. And the one who still has people and resources is left in charge.

If this sounds like insanity, don't be surprised - it IS insanity. Because nobody *can* own land/natural resources. It's that type of military rule or Maritime Law that seems to have control of the affairs of state. It's not true! By the Law of the Land or Common Law, citizens of the state maintain supreme control over the affairs of the state, including selection and recalling of all public office positions, such as Mayors, Premieres, Prime Ministers, Presidents, Governors, congress appointments, department heads, civic employees and more.

There is a lot to learn about becoming a Sovereign Individual. Thanks to James Dale Davidson and William Rees-Mogg we can read more about the issue through their book called, "**The Sovereign Individual: How to Survive and Thrive during the Collapse of the Welfare State**".

I first heard about this book from a friend (thanks Marv), then later from an excellent web site for "learning to live free in an unfree world". To me, this is the whole point of individual sovereignty - personal freedom in our 'not-so-free' countries. The web site is called [Free World Order \(http://www.buildfreedom.com/\)](http://www.buildfreedom.com/). They have a wealth of information on "building freedom", rather than "fighting for freedom" or "fighting against tyranny". In my opinion, this is the correct method to achieve true freedom without becoming like the warlords.

I'm not saying that anybody should or shouldn't join the Free World Order or any other organization, or that you should or shouldn't buy The Sovereign Individual book. I only want everybody to know that the information is available and that there are individual, collective and global benefits that can be derived from this awareness. I haven't yet spent a dime to buy a book on personal freedom or individual sovereignty, nor have I joined any sovereignty groups, freedom associations or free world orders. All my knowledge of personal freedom and individual sovereignty has been obtained without costs, other than my computer and Internet provider. I go to the library, surf the Internet, discuss freedom with philosophers and I exchange articles, like the one you're reading now.