Are You a Citizen or a National

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1. The sovereignty of America is vested in fifty nation-states. Both states and nations are political entities. Nations control the land jurisdiction. States control the sea jurisdiction.

2. People receive their nationality from where on the land they are born. We are Virginians, Ohioans, Wisconsinites and so on as a result. That is our "nationality".

3. "Citizenship" is an entirely different thing. A "citizen" is subject (as in subject to a King or a government) to which they give allegiance.

4. You don't have to be a "citizen"--- that is, a subject, of anything.

5. When people agree to take up a public office or public employment, they agree to act as "citizens" for the term of their office.

6. Thus, if you work for or act as an elected official of the federal government, you agree to be a citizen of the United States. If you agree to work for the state government of Virginia, you are agreeing to be a "State Citizen" of Virginia for the term of your employment or office.

7. Joe Blow who is just working at a job in the private sector as a mechanic or a bank teller or a carpenter or in other professions and all the millions of small business owners are NOT naturally "citizens" of the United States and are not "citizens" of Virginia or Texas or any other state.

8. When you claim to be a "citizen" you are obligating yourself to obey all the laws and statutes of the corporation operating as the "United States" or the "United States of America" of the "State of Virginia" or whatever. This is essentially an employment contract. You have to obey the laws of this corporation because you agreed to be employed by them or because you were elected to an office in their organization, just like you might hold such an office in the hierarchy of Sears, or JC Penny or Walmart.
9. The vast majority of people claiming to be "citizens" are not citizens. They are just very confused people claiming to be something that they are not, and which in most cases they don't want to be, because being a citizen involves many expenses and obligations. When you "submit yourself" to being a "citizen" of a state, you lose your sovereignty and instead of the government serving you, you serve the government.

10. So now that it has been stated in such plain terms---- which one are you?

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