

The Changing Meaning of "the United States"

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This is an effort to clear up a nasty, long-term, pernicious source of confusion that people suffer when they attempt to make sense of historical documents and laws in this country. It is meant as a friendly aid to all my fellow Americans as well as a help to foreign governments seeking to gain a handle on the scalawags in DC and duplicitous meanings that are, unfortunately, built into the bulk of English Law wherever it may have migrated, including The United States.

Did you just notice that when we refer to the country as The United States, the definite article "the" is capitalized and made part of the name? That's important. This is the Proper Name of our country operating as a Nation. Even many Americans don't realize how important that distinction is, and so tend to think that "the United States" references our country, but it does not and never has.

When you see "the United States" it refers to one of several different business organizations or Subcontractors employed to conduct business for The United States.

In September of 1776, the Continental Congress officially adopted "the United States" as a doing-business-as name for their united former colonies. This is our first "Mom and Pop" unincorporated business entity name in use by the Congress from 1776 to 1787, when the meaning and nature of "the United States" was changed to refer to the newly constituted American Federal Republic.

Strictly speaking the Federal Republic did business under the name "the States of America", but it was also constantly referred to as "the United States" and the citizenry of this new Federal Subcontractor were referred to as United States Citizens. This implied that they were politically affiliated to serve all the organic States, not just one, and a purposeful and rather lengthy process was required of any American State National wishing to change their birthright political status to that of a United States Citizen. From 1787 to 1860, "the United States" reliably refers to the American Federal Republic.

Then the Civil War shook things up, and once the American Federal Republic became inoperable, the meaning of "the United States" must be inferred from the context.

Are you talking about the old American Federal Republic? Are you talking about the Territorial Government assuming a caretaker role as "the U.S. Government" during the "absence" of the American Federal Republic? Are you talking about the Municipal United States (one of the other three original Federal Subcontractors) making similar assumptions and operating as "the US Government"?

We are aided somewhat because the British Territorial "United States" operated under the auspices of The United States of America, our Federation of States, and more typically used the name "the United States of America" when it did so. When it did refer to itself as "the United States" it usually adopted a convention of placing periods between the U and the S, like this: "U.S. Government operations in Taiwan....."

The Municipal United States Government which was meant to have a very small and restricted role as one of the three Federal Subcontractors has grossly usurped upon its limitations and brazenly co-opted the name "the United States" without any great effort to distinguish between its foreign self and The United States or the American Federal Republic, either one--- but even it has generally observed a style convention of using all capital letters without periods or other punctuation, as in "US Government forces...." or "UNITED STATES CORPORATION".

These notes will help you sort out which layer of government generated particular documents and which ones you are dealing with at any given moment, which gives you insight into their laws and operations.

For example, the Federal Code, both those laws that apply "generally" to everyone and which are published on the Federal Record, and those that apply only to U.S. Citizens meaning officers, employees, and dependents of the British Territorial Government which are published on the Federal Register, are the sphere and dictum of the British Territorial Subcontractor that generally does business as "the United States of America". People working for this level of government are obligated to observe which laws are published on the Record and which are published on the Register -- if you bring it to their attention -- and have to conduct themselves according to Federal Code.

The Municipal Government, which has grossly usurped against its limitations, is comparatively lawless; the only Federal Code that it honors is Title 50, dealing with War and War Powers. Otherwise, it has its own Municipal Code (also known as "Administrative Code") that properly applies only to its officers, employees, and dependents -- though they will by all means attempt to entrap and presume dependent status on any unwary individual. This is because members of the Municipal Government fought on the losing side of the Civil War and were required to

pay war reparations --- and the more the merrier. Everyone they could rope into "Municipal citizenship" got saddled with a share of the debt and impersonated as a US CORPORATION.

US CORPORATIONS were also subjected to foreign Municipal law including CORPORATION BILLS OF ATTAINDER and the presumption of guilt.

I hope that this provides a helpful road map and better understanding of the multiple common meanings of these three little words: < the United States> and the meaning attached to the various styles of written presentation used to help differentiate between them.

So now that you know that your actual County is part of The United States, you will be better prepared to recognize active duty members of the military as U.S. Citizens, and also be able to recognize Municipal Civil Servants and US CORPORATIONS that are subject to Administrative Code.

Are you subject to any of these organizations or codes? Only if you really are an officer, employee, or dependent of these now-incorporated entities engaged in the business of providing governmental services, or, if you are engaged in a "federally regulated" activity.

There are only a few actual "federally regulated" activities that legitimately are federally regulated---- those are: (1) interstate commerce -- which means business conducted between incorporated business entities including among their franchises in other States; (2) manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcohol, tobacco or firearms across state borders; (3) foreign maritime commerce; (4) foreign trade in Admiralty.

As you can see, most Americans are not subject to the bulk of Federal Code. though there has been considerable effort made to entrap and misrepresent Americans as Municipal franchise CORPORATIONS and thereby subject them as "Incorporated business entities" engaged in "commerce" and so, subject to "regulation" under the Interstate Commerce Clause found in all three Federal Constitutions. This impersonation of Americans as US CORPORATIONS is to be regarded as a self-interested criminal scheme and opposed at every turn.

Another revenue and control scheme put forward by the British Territorial Government is an abuse of their ability to "license" service providers. A license is a privilege to engage in activities that would otherwise be illegal for you to do. While this is reasonable in the context of setting standards of performance and credentials for their own Service Vendors, it is not reasonable to presume that everyone wishes to be a Vendor to the Federal Subcontractors, nor is it reasonable to deny the right of U.S. Citizens to waive licensing at their own risk.

Both law and medicine are occupations of common right. There is nothing preventing an American from practicing either medicine or law without a license. U.S. Citizens are subject to being licensed to engage in these professions as a condition of employment, and American Vendors seeking federal contracts or seeking to serve Federal Citizens as clients are subject to being licensed. So if you are not adopting Territorial U.S. Citizenship, you don't need a license. If you are not intending to serve U.S. Citizens as part of your clientele, you can simply post a disclaimer requiring U.S. Citizens to receive services at their own risk.

A sore point is that Bar Association Members have hogged space for their courts in our public courthouses and left little or no room for our American Courts. This must be corrected. Another sore point is the Territorial Government's presumption that it has the right to limit a physician's right to issue prescriptions for drugs. Check the list above --- alcohol, tobacco, and firearms are federally regulated. Drugs and nutritional supplements are not.

As we all regain a solid knowledge base it will become more difficult for "the government" service providers to extort payments and exercise coercive powers that were never granted to them in the first place.

Perhaps no area of federal franchise "state of state" organizations' overreach impacts more Americans than insupportable demands that we "register" our private automobiles as "motor vehicles" and that we accept "licensing" as "Drivers".

A "Motor Vehicle" is a conveyance engaged in commerce and a Driver is also voluntarily engaged in commerce--- which as we have seen, is business between two incorporated entities. Are you an incorporated entity? Is your automobile a Motor Vehicle? Are you engaged in interstate commerce? Are you a Driver engaged in commercial activity?

Probably not. You are probably just an American going from Point A to Point B, maybe to visit your Sister or pick up something for supper at the grocery store, and don't voluntarily participate in commerce at all.

If you have a Driver's License please pull it out of your pocket and observe that it is issued to a MUNICIPAL CORPORATION gratuitously named after you. Are you operating a MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, and thereby identifying yourself and your activities as being commercial in nature, and therefore, subject to the Interstate Commerce Clause and Municipal Administrative Code?

If you think back, you will realize that you were coerced to get a Driver's License and a Social Security Card and also coerced to sign up for Selective Service and Medicare and all sorts of other things, whether they applied to you or not, and whether you wanted to or not.

You were broadly misinformed by authority figures telling you that you had to do this, when in fact you did not --- and all of those actions, applications, and enrollments served to do only one thing: entrap you into "voluntarily" identifying yourself as a Municipal CORPORATION franchise, responsible for paying war reparations and "voluntarily" subjecting yourself to Administrative Code and CORPORATION BILLS OF ATTAINDER in a country where Bills of Attainder have been outlawed for over 200 years.

The foreign Federal Subcontractors both had axes to grind by entrapping Americans in this manner. The Municipal Corporation and its members got another stooge to help them pay war reparations and more chattel labor assets to borrow against. The Territorial Corporation obtained coercive control over you and your body, land, homes, and other assets.

They were all happy, and you, their Employer, were the goat paying them for this "service".

Happily for the rest of us, numerous voices have been raised to remind Americans of these facts and spread the word. You don't have to live your lives as slaves or indentured servants subject to foreign governmental service providers. You can come home, reclaim your birthright, and exercise the rights, freedoms, and material advantages that Americans have always been heir to.

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