



[Bruce to AG: No need for a 'perp walk'](#)

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Anti-tax activist Douglas Bruce, who is [facing a contempt-of-court citation today](#) from the state Attorney General's Office, is accusing Attorney General John Suthers of going after him to win votes in his re-election campaign.

"I am sure your actions are of great benefit to your re-election campaign; using an unpopular public figure as a political whipping boy has got to be a political 'no-brainer,' a slam dunk winner," Bruce said this morning in an e-mail to Suthers.

"But I appeal to your conscience and sense of legal ethics not to continue down this wrong path," Bruce said in the e-mail, which he also sent to The Gazette.

Here's the full text of Bruce's e-mail to the attorney general:

Please call me today to schedule a telephonic court setting date for a court hearing prior to a trial on the citation for contempt of court that you are seeking.

You have handled this case so far by ex parte contacts with Denver District Court Judge Brian Whitney. That is unethical, illegal, and unconstitutional. I have a right to attend my own lynching. No matter how much you hate the three tax-limiting petitions that are on the November ballot, no matter how much you despise me personally or TABOR generally, that anger does not excuse your acts of political revenge on me, your unilateral presentations to the judge, or your trying me in the newspapers via your tax-paid public relations staff.

I read in today's paper that you plan to continue this one-sided vendetta today by seeking a contempt citation. Since the judge has granted your every request without requiring that I even be notified of any such "hearings," it appears no tax-paid government employee thinks my attendance is required at any stage of this political show trial. I would not be surprised if you and the judge again got together privately and convicted and sentenced me without bothering to let me speak.

Since you won't listen, I wish to explain in court your factual and legal errors. As a former prosecutor, I know that any accused person has Fifth and Sixth Amendment rights to be informed of the charges, to attend every hearing in his case, to cross-examine the witnesses against him to receive the benefit of the rules of evidence, and to be heard in open court. I hereby request all those rights be enforced in my case, including timely discovery of all evidence you believe you have and the standard prohibition against your introducing evidence not furnished in timely discovery.

It is not clear to me whether you intend today to set a hearing or just to go ahead and convict me. (It would be so much easier, wouldn't it?) You are already doing your best to convict me in the court of public opinion, so it's not much of a stretch to imagine that final disregard of my constitutional rights to due process of law and what is commonly known as "a day in court." I am sure your actions are of great benefit to your re-election campaign; using an unpopular public figure as a political whipping boy has got to be a political "no-brainer," a slam dunk winner. But I appeal to your conscience and sense of

legal ethics not to continue down this wrong path.

Instead of completing your prosecution without me, please have your assistant AG call me today to arrange for a telephonic setting with the court clerk for a court date, the way such matters are handled in every other civil and criminal case. After that date, I want a public hearing with all your witnesses, and I want my right to testify in my own behalf, just like every other citizen.

I hope you will also agree that you have the burden of proof, that I am presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law, and that I have a right to an appeal.

I also request a copy of the specific charge against me at an arraignment, and the right to request a jury trial. I do not waive any of my legal rights.

Since Judge Whitney had no trouble granting your two prior motions without hearing from me, that shows he has prejudged the case, which is the definition of prejudice. He has received information from your office unilaterally, and I presume your assistants spoke with him before he granted your motions. He has replaced existing law, and invented new law, on service of process, then applied it retroactively in violation of constitutional bans on ex post facto application of laws. I therefore request another district court judge be assigned to preside over this case, and will file a Motion to Disqualify if that does not occur.

Among other things, I challenge his finding of valid service, which is an element of contempt of court. He cannot make such a finding unilaterally, then preside over a trial in which that is a key element. I am entitled to a neutral and detached magistrate, not one predisposed to uphold his own prior findings of fact.

Therefore, the case should be reassigned before we schedule dates with the new judge's clerk.

If you insist on proceeding unilaterally today, I hope you will at least notify the judge of my request for his recusal, and that I have offered to appear at a citation hearing. If you obtain a warrant for my arrest, I am notifying you that I will appear voluntarily in court at any time. There is no need for a "perp walk" parading me in handcuffs, or to allow your friends in the media to take pictures of me in an orange jump suit. I have done nothing wrong, as you will soon find out to your deep and very public embarrassment.

The phrase "equal protection of the law" applies here. Check it out; it's in the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and it applies to the actions of your office. In case you have lost your copy, I would gladly provide you a copy of the federal and state constitutions, as well as the Colorado Code of Civil Procedure regarding subpoenas. Please let me know.

I await a phone call today from your office.

Douglas Bruce

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- *Pondfrogz* says:

June 18, 2010 at 9:04 am

Very well said Mr. Bruce and I wish you the best. I don't agree with some of your actions and ideas but that's irrelevant. Your stand against this blatant disrespect of our law by public officials is admirable for if it were permitted to stand we could all well be the next victim.

Good luck Sir, rip 'em a new one.



- *notsomuch* says:

June 18, 2010 at 9:15 am

So dougie is complaining about not being involved in a court case that he avoided at all cost? Trying people in the newspaper? This is coming from dougie, right? The guy that calls a press conference to let everyone know what he had for dinner last night? The guy that "convicts" everyone else in the media?

The entire letter is "Me, me, me,me".

What a drama queen.



- *somesense* says:

June 18, 2010 at 9:20 am

I find this email quite amusing. Doug needed to show up and not have the county wasting time trying to serve him subpoena's. I like Tabor but as all things go, Doug has probably just had to much time in the spotlight. Well he is no more above the law than I am.



- *heather roberts* says:

June 18, 2010 at 9:45 am

The government fraud is amazing to me. People are at the boiling point with this whole thing. Something soon will break if this is continued.



- *proamerica* says:

June 18, 2010 at 9:45 am

Remember, whatever thry do to Doug, they can do to you.
notsomuch: It's hard being off the throne of superiority, isn't it?



- *avgjoepolitico* says:

June 18, 2010 at 9:57 am

dahn dahn dahn . . . dahn dahn dahn dahndahn dahn dahhhhhhhhhh!

More power to ya brother Bruce I hope you kick his slimeball political tactics from here to

Independence Hall in Philadelphia!!!!!! As for that Judge Brian Whitney, the yeasty stain on due process that he is, he needs to be tarred and feathered and rode out on a rail. He is a disgrace to the bench, and all that our constitution stands for. I too, as others have denoted, will be looking forward to funding any candidate that opposes him in his next re-election cycle.

I am looking so forward to their "deep and very public embarrassment;" the words describing how I feel about these political and judiciary hacks cannot be spoken here. Yesterday, in Utah, they put a man before the firing squad, those involved with this tryst, deserve no less; nonetheless, I know a man with a good supply of sturdy rope, and I just happen to know of a sturdy tree with numerous branches. If they want a lynching 100 years ago, they would have gotten it!!!! Dirty rotten scoundrels!!!!!!!!!!



■ *CSaction* says:

June 18, 2010 at 10:06 am

Yeah, but I would love to see a perp walk just for the hell of it.



■ *1ofmany* says:

June 18, 2010 at 10:12 am

Apparently, Denver District Court Judge Brian Whitney, got his Juris Prudence from a Cracker Jack box due process in it's most basic and earliest form ~ ~

"The words 'due process' have a precise technical import, and are only applicable to the process and proceedings of the courts of justice; they can never be referred to an act of legislature." ~

Alexander Hamilton

"No free man shall be seized or imprisoned, or stripped of his rights or possessions, or outlawed or exiled, or deprived of his standing in any other way, nor will we proceed with force against him, or send others to do so, except by the lawful judgement of his equals or by the law of the land." ~~~~ the original "Law of the Land" ~ "the Magna Carta



■ *avgjoepolitico* says:

June 18, 2010 at 10:22 am

yes we know csaction, the laws are only just if they support those you wish them to . . . that is why you are despised as a facetious hypocrite!



■ *notsofast* says:

June 18, 2010 at 10:50 am

Long silence followed by longer email. Smells like a preemptive smokescreen. Keep deflecting and changing the subject, "Drama Queen". Heap on as off-topic recriminations, bring in more names. All in hopes they don't uncover your real petition fraud.



■ *notsofast* says:

June 18, 2010 at 11:24 am

Boo Hoo. It's him against the world. What else is new?

He hasn't practiced law for 23 years, never in Colorado, Any certified attorney would have been long disbarred for what this wannabe public representative exhibits.

As for his toadies, if you feel he's your personal representative, What's to prevent him from being replaced? Shouldn't term limits apply to this faux politician as well? He's been a renegade public servant going on 25 years – Is there no one else who can speak for you? He failed to mentor anyone, and he's not immortal – even Castro, Jon-Il & Mao groomed successors. He won't take

advise of his sychophants either; they know they will get the same condemnation as this email.



- *johninlongmont* says:

June 18, 2010 at 11:25 am

every CO taxpayer owes a debt of gratitude and more to Doug Bruce for TABOR and his other endeavors



- *Zen / Openspace* says:

June 18, 2010 at 11:36 am

Oh please. Doug is simply reaping what he sows. The beligerant dog gets beat down. He's no hero... he's a misanthrope.



- *notsofast* says:

June 18, 2010 at 12:04 pm

Stay in Longmont:

Your kind have anointed DB monarch over anarchy- without term limits. By crying "off with their heads, every last politician", you usurp your neighbors' right to proper government representation. The debt you owe is to them next door, not a has-been 100 miles away with a record of contempt citations.



- *FountainWatchDog* says:

June 18, 2010 at 12:16 pm

Nobody would find this amusing if you were in his shoes, and some of you will someday be there. Being bulldozed by the Colorado kangaroo courts that do not seem to know or respect the law or by some DA or AG that want to get re-elected. Good luck with that if the public keeps letting judges and DAs/AGs get away with this horse manure.



- *1ofmany* says:

June 18, 2010 at 12:23 pm

disbarred? just a little FYI, notsomuch, the Colorado Bar is optional, not mandatory!!! It's not Doug Bruce against the world, he has plenty of supporters. I think it's quite hilarious that they are persecuting him, instead of the ballot propositions; propositions, I might add, that were sponsored by others. Is it not ironic that they do not even bother mentioning what is at stake?



- *1ofmany* says:

June 18, 2010 at 12:24 pm

Proposition 101 is a proposed statutory change that would reduce the State income tax, various motor vehicle fees and taxes and fees on telecommunication services. When fully implemented, the provisions of this proposal would reduce State income tax revenues, State and local revenues from a range of sales taxes and vehicle fees, and State revenues from telecommunications charges and fees.



- *1ofmany* says:

June 18, 2010 at 12:25 pm

Amendment 60 would amend Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution ("TABOR") to add a

new section to establish additional limits on property taxes. This section will be in addition to all other provisions of TABOR. Some of the provisions of this proposal appear intended to override court decisions interpreting TABOR (as it pertains to property taxes) and to roll back certain prior property tax voter approvals under TABOR.



■ *1ofmany* says:

June 18, 2010 at 12:25 pm

Amendment 61 would make sweeping changes in how the state and local governments can use and issue debt. It would ban the use of any kind of debt by the state of Colorado. It would also limit the amount of debt issued by local governments, require all local debt be approved by the voters in a November election, and require local governments to cut their tax rates equal to the average annual debt payments as debts are repaid.



■ *1ofmany* says:

June 18, 2010 at 12:26 pm

<http://www.colofirechiefs.org/10Legislature/2010initiatives.htm>



■ *1ofmany* says:

June 18, 2010 at 12:34 pm

in other words the days of pulling the old end around . . . calling taxes . . . “fees” are kaput !!!! Put your intentions on the ballot like TABOR meant them to be, or do without. If your tax increases are just and fair, the citizens will pass them, if not too bad. I advise government officials to learn the meaning of the phrase “sunset clause.”

The progressive hikes on the vehicle registration tax is outrageous; having talked to enough people, I’m pretty positive it’s repeal is going to come to fruition.



■ *1ofmany* says:

June 18, 2010 at 12:40 pm

we were doin just fine when sales tax revenues were rolling in; for them to jack up the motor vehicle fees so much with out a sunset clause is ridiculous. You can bet you fanny that if the sales tax revenues return to their previous levels, the state assembly isn’t going to willingly return the DMV costs to their previous levels.



■ *notsofast* says:

June 18, 2010 at 1:01 pm

1-of-many statements, despite repeating them 7 times has nothing to do with original the charge presented by Suthers – you are compounding the smokescreen-coverup like the rest of his lackeys.



■ *notsofast* says:

June 18, 2010 at 1:04 pm

fyi back to ya –

you addressed notsoMUCH instead of me. Reread the thread.



■ *notsomuch* says:

June 18, 2010 at 1:06 pm

proamerica says:

"Remember, whatever they do to Doug, they can do to you.

notsomuch: It's hard being off the throne of superiority, isn't it?"

I sit upon the throne daily. Thanks for asking.

1ofmany says:

"disbarred? just a little FYI, notsomuch, the Colorado Bar is optional, not mandatory!!! "

Remember the Saturday morning PSA, "Reading is fundamental"? I'm not the one who posted that.

But I'm honored that I'm the first person you think of when you get blinded with frustration.



notsofast says:

June 18, 2010 at 1:20 pm

DB himself ignored what is at stake:

He swore never to entertain lobbyists. He chides opponents for exchanging favors – until his supporters dropped the ball and failed to gather sufficient petition signatures. In some cases he gave them 8 months, then tried bribing them at 50 cents per signature. You guys still dropped the ball, so he contracted a non-resident LOBBYIST to finish where you left off.

Superficially, he swore on the Bible to be completely up-front, transparent and candid with the public, all the while claiming he has nothing to hide. Then WHY is he now hiding, deflecting charges, pitting citizens against each other, one day denying involvement in the petition process, the next day claiming martyrdom for it?



notsofast says:

June 18, 2010 at 1:23 pm

notsomuch



here, here!



Lexi says:

June 18, 2010 at 1:30 pm

I will not be supporting John Suthers next time around.



notsofast says:

June 18, 2010 at 1:40 pm

1ofmanyother one-way opinions:

'Sunset' (your word, not mine): Why not have a TABOR sunset provision – if you want it for one, apply it fairly to all initiatives. Extend it to 60,60 & 101. Sunset Colorado Spring's TABOR since it overlaps State TABOR.

to paraphrase in your own words:

If your (TABOR) is just and fair the citizens will ...(extend it), if not too bad"

Time for the door to swing both ways.



elderstatesman says:

June 18, 2010 at 2:04 pm

notsofast, that should be "hear, hear"



Dave T says:

June 18, 2010 at 3:04 pm

Attention Citizens of Colorado Springs!

I have met DB numerous times. Look, if you are under 83 and still think this guy is a great individual then you are a lemming , and he is your pied-piper



■ *notsofast* says:

June 18, 2010 at 3:48 pm

There, there, elderstatesman. Thanks BTW.

guess I was too fast myself. To avoid confusion with notsomuch by the illiterate peasants maybe I'll change my handle to 'holdonthere'.

Incidentally, those supposed many (as in 1ofmany) must've abandoned him.

Dave T:

lemmings following a pied piper, even Lancelot are mostly fiction. For a real historical parallel of a corrupted saint leading blind followers, Google the name Robespierre and the number he pulled on Les Miserables.



■ *abester01* says:

June 18, 2010 at 4:49 pm

Bruce has his problems, for sure. None of them relevant to the ballot issues, tho. You folks sound like you're looking forward to a calm, analytic, and rational debate over those ballot issues, then exercising your right to vote. Me Too.



■ *1ofmany* says:

June 18, 2010 at 6:12 pm

notsomuch, notsofast, notsosmart it matters not to me . . . whats in a name????? "despite repeating them 7 times has nothing to do with original the charge?" Perhaps you need some self reflection!!

Your right about one thingand one thing only . . . its a smokescreen-coverup; but on the part of the AG, Foreskin et, al, and the yeast stain that has the audacity to consider himself an official of our judiciary system.

As for your claims at sticking with the matter at hand and not blowing smoke . . . why are you so adamant about dragging ancient history into today's classroom? Get many stares with all those holes in your head you spew bullcrap from?

if you want incivility . . . I'm your huckleberry. I'll beat you so bad with a dictionary, you'll beg for some physical abuse!



■ *1ofmany* says:

June 18, 2010 at 6:16 pm

get off your can and circulate your petition to repeal TABOR notsofast . . . nobody is stopping you. if you exerted have as much energy into achieving the things you speak of as you do running your mouth I bet you'd have time to clean up the gulf, as well as repealing TABOR. Don't tell me show me

. . . .



■ *1ofmany* says:

June 18, 2010 at 6:20 pm

Dave T:

lemmings following a pied piper . . . google Obama and research his cbroken campaign promises he

made to those who have elected him to the oval office. No need in going back to 18th century france.



1ofmany says:

June 18, 2010 at 6:29 pm

“He swore never to entertain lobbyists”

in case you haven't noticed notsofast as in “man alive that boy is slow” . . . really It does appear as you are a little slow on the uptake . . . Bruce is no longer in office, so he doesn't have to answer to you or anyone else, include administrative law judges who have no authority to issue subpoenas. Next you'll be wanting us to abide by the slobberings of Jimmy Carter because he once said

you'd be alittle more credible if you stuck to the topics that are relevent to 2010.



1ofmany says:

June 18, 2010 at 6:33 pm

notsomuch

I was wondering why such ignorance would escape your mouth, my bad!

notsofast . . . is just that not---so---fast, so for him not to know the rules surrounding bar membership . . . it doesn't surprise me none at all!!!!



madhat says:

June 19, 2010 at 1:44 pm

avgjoepolitico-----I agree with you---Dirty rotten scoundrels!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!---I thought the Chicago Bus would of been here by now to load the Bus with our corrupt Judges-AG Suthers-Liar Rivera and CC-guess it's waiting for more of the derelicts to show their real faces.



holdonthere says:

June 21, 2010 at 8:55 am

only 1 spewing polemics, none more. Obviously quite short of the many. But typical of Bruce's lemmings - word avalanche a to avoid the subject.

Knows all the answers, but forgets the question.



notsofast says:

June 22, 2010 at 1:24 pm

straight from the horse's mouth (<http://cotaxreforms.com/fib.php>)

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Gabe H. says:

June 23, 2010 at 9:24 pm

Well despite the band wagon everyone has jumped on to defame this man who respects our

constitution, he had motivated me to fight the storm water enterprise and their fees are erroneous, even the judge who dismissed the collection attempt with prejudice saw that, and everyone else should too. It's time to stop listening to the media and educating ourselves. BTW educating yourself is looking up hard facts, not bouncing the idea across some random person you spoke to.

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