

# SUV owners need protection from 'artists'

I was the victim of a hate crime early Thursday morning, and all because of my lifestyle.

What happened was, I was climbing into my SUV to work when I saw something under the windshield — a very official looking orange ticket, which was odd, because the vehicle had been parked all night in my own driveway.

Then I realized, it was one of those fake tickets a bunch of sanctimonious rich kids have been spreading around the area, to show how morally superior they are to those of us who have to work for a living.



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"EARTH ON EMPTY," my fake orange ticket says. "The ticket you have received displays the facts about excessive oil consumption in the USA, which is directly related to driving so-called sport utility vehicles."

So much for celebrating diversity. Whatever happened to live and let live?

I was a victim of "profiling." You say it wasn't really a crime what they did? Well, when they crossed

onto my property they were trespassing.

Hey, you eco-Nazis, I don't try to take away your trust fund, why do you try to take away my SUV?

I don't demand that you get a job, why do you demand that I drive a Suzuki Swift?

Maybe I'm wrong about the bigots who put the ticket on my truck. Maybe they do have jobs — real jobs, not Harvard Square juggler or performance artist. If whoever ticketed me does have a real job, please call me and I'll be happy to correct my mistake, right after I swear out a complaint against you for trespassing.

This campaign of intimidation is the brainchild of a local "artist." Artist is a synonym for unemployed and loaded (in more ways than one). Most "artists" have a lot of time on their hands.

This crowd is deeply in love with bicycles, and we all know about bicyclists. On an open stretch of road, they demand to be afforded as much room as if they were piloting a Ford Excursion. But when they get to a red light, bike riders suddenly become pedestrians, and they pedal right through the intersection, oblivious to all cross traffic, not to mention, the law.

"Ride a bike for gods (sic) sake!"

How nice, to invoke the name of the deity. How do you suppose these parasites feel about throwing the creche off the Lexington Common?

Speaking of which, these pampered ponytailed layabouts ask, why does everyone need an SUV? Well, if you have more than two little kids, the answer is, you can't safely fit more than two kids into the back seat of any standard-sized car. And if you put a small child into the front seat, you run the risk of him being killed in even a fender bender, by one of Ralph Nader's most treasured possessions.

**An airbag.**

On the bottom of my ticket it says, FAILURE TO PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR OWN BEHAVIOR IS HAZARDOUS TO EVERYONE.

If you left that exact same message on a gay's doorstep, they would call it a hate crime. The MCAD, the AG, the DA and the Justice Department would all be on the case.

But slurring SUV owners — that'll get you a fawning write-up from some other rich kid.

I'm telling you, we SUV owners need to be included under the hate-crime statutes. How many more must be ticketed? Somebody get me Sen. Jacques on the phone. In the meantime, we need bumper stickers:

Keep your laws off my chassis.

I'm pro-SUV and I vote.

More people died in Ted Kennedy's Oldsmobile sedan than in my SUV.

I say to you trespassing freaks, if you want to save energy, set a good example for me by getting rid of your car first. If 10 of you goateed tree-huggers trade in your Mitsubishi Mirages for 10-speed Schwinn's, it'll save enough gas to allow me to trade up to a Suburban, and then we'll all be happy in our multicultural paradise.

As Rodney King would say, why can't we all just get along?

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