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### Green Day, Saggy Pants and Private Business

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As a fan of [Green Day](#), I read with amusement that its front man, Billie Joe Armstrong, says he was kicked off of a [Southwest Airlines](#) flight Thursday night for wearing his pants too low. He reported this [via Twitter](#), saying, "Just got kicked off a southwest flight because my pants sagged too low! What the f\*\*\*? No joke!" I suspect that the initial range of reactions will be "about time" to "he should sue them." This would be funny except that a [similar story](#) indicated that a University of New Mexico football player was kicked off an [U.S. Airways](#) flight because his pajama bottoms (yes, I said pajama bottoms) were below his knees. He denied this and is now intending to sue.

My bottom line is "get over it." How is this different from going barefoot and topless to a restaurant, where it is announced "no shoes, no shirt, no service"? No one forces you to fly Southwest, U.S. Airways, etc. So, tell me, am I wrong? Please understand me when I say I am not speaking to questions of race, creed, gender, sexuality, age or disability. I suggest that there should be no basis to sue a private company on the grounds that they have denied you service based on the fact that you have not complied with common decency. In fact, I call it good business.

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