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## **Comments Received:**

No matter how a question about birth sex is worded many transgender people will declare that their birth sex is whatever they identify as, they will choose their gender-identity as the answer; even when it specifies original birth-certificate. Most transgender people consider that birth assigned sex is an incorrect assignment and will attempt to choose what they should have been assigned as.

The second question is nonsensical: transgender woman will mostly choose female, and transgender men will mostly choose male. Trans people only choose transgender when they want to be counted, which varies based on how friendly or hostile the political climate is where they live. Given that many people live in places with a hostile political climate, a significant amount of people will never choose or self-disclose that they are transgender.

Many transgender answers will be "male assigned at birth and currently male" and "female assigned at birth and currently female." These questions lack validity.

The best way to collect this data is to ask:

- 1. What is your sex or gender: (1) female, (2) male, (3) intersex, (4) nonbinary, (5) other; and
- 2. Are you transgender, nonbinary, or gender-diverse: (1) yes, (2) no.

Not only is terminology changing, but using "assigned sex at birth" is increasingly falling out of favor as it becomes a proxy for biological-sex