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My comment is related to the SOGI survey.

Question 4 of the survey asks "What sex was Person assigned at birth?" and lists Male and Female as options.

This question is triggering and deeply personal. If a person does not want to be associated with their sex at birth, they are more likely to skip this question. This is the kind of question one is only appropriately asked at the doctor's office for medical reasons, and one may feel it is not the business of the government to survey what other people used to label them. This is also a more complicated question for people who are intersexed.

Question 4 would be more appropriate if it was worded like the 2021 UK Census; that is: "Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?" with response options of Yes, No, and a write in. This would achieve the goal of determining if a person is cisgender or not, with Question 5 helping to answer if the person is transgender, genderqueer or something else. It is substantially less triggering and possibly more likely to be answered.

I identify as agender and would not like to be associated with my sex assigned at birth. Additionally, results that aggregate people under the nonbinary umbrella into male+ and female+ categories are harmful and only serve to erase the gender identity of the respondents. It also serves as a false dichotomy; it erases people with both male and female physical expressions and erases people who think of themselves differently than in terms of a binary.