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I do not understand what benefit there is to forcing people to falsely report their gender or report their sex assigned at birth on their passport. You want us to lie on legal documentation? Because that's what will occur if people can't select their actual gender. Supposedly this is about truth and biological "reality" but any biologist, psychologist, and sociologist will tell you that gender is separate from sex and is a biological and psychological reality. Consult them. Consult experts in the field. People who study sex and gender. Was this done? How many experts in the field were consulted? You can't claim to be conforming to "biological reality" while ignoring the countless studies in journals regarding gender and sex and the incongruity that sometimes occurs between the two. Societies all over the globe and all throughout time have had more than two genders. The ancient Hawaiians, for example, had a third gender. These changes ignore history, ignore science, ask us to lie on legal documents, have no tangible benefit, and only serve to shame and degrade trans and non-binary people. This isn't protecting women. This is illegal discrimination against some women who certain people don't think count as women. The government should not be deciding who counts as their identity. That route leads to fascism—leads to an implicit acceptance that some people aren't women enough or even aren't people enough to count. If predators want access to a space to do harm to women, they don't need to pretend to be women. They just go in. They don't need to lie to go hurt someone, so why would they? Furthermore, what? Are you gonna make people present their passports before going into bathrooms? Even if you believed this was a real threat, how do passports even help with that? This doesn't protect people. It shames and puts in danger trans people who are human beings the government should be protecting just like they want to protect cis women. Why does the government only have interest in protecting people who align with it ideologically? Shouldn't the government be protecting and representing people regardless of their gender or anything else?