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The issue of gender on official US identification was challenged in a federal discrimination lawsuit against the US State Department in 2015. The plaintiff, Dana Zzyym, won the lawsuit and the State Department began issuing passports with a third gender marker. By changing the term used on the form from "gender" to "sex" and only allowing the answers of "M" and "F", the US passport is returned the the state it was in prior to this lawsuit. This change ignores the existence of intersex persons and there is not a good reason to ignore the legal precedent put forth by the aforementioned case. Furthermore, many other countries have adopted a third gender option for their identification and the only reason I can see for making this change is to discriminate against specific US citizens that are simply trying to live good, fulfilling lives.