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The purpose of the passport is to quickly identify somebody entering the country is who they say they are. In all cases I've flown internationally, border agents have found my photograph and name to be the most helpful in identifying me; never has it been necessary to discuss my genitals to identify me at borders and customs. I would argue that gender is not necessary at all on the passport to identify somebody; in fact, considering how people perceive the gender of others, drawing attention to gender/sex would only cause confusion and slow down already slow airports by agents questioning what they perceive are men with feminine features or women with masculine features (that are actually cisgender people). If you consider trans and intersex people, this is further confused considering what medical procedures have been done to their genitals and would not at all correlate with identifying them based on e.g. their facial features. If anything, I would argue (based on my personal experiences) that asking whether somebody wears incontinence garments is more relevant than gender/sex; I have been patted down far more due to my incontinence garments being mistaken for erroneous genitals than anything else.