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Executive Order 14168, which outlines the basis for some of the changes the Department of State intends to implement into its passport application process, has been widely criticized by legal, medical, & civil rights experts. It is an order which exists with the sole design of excluding a super-minority of American citizens, a population of which consists of 0.5-1% of the country's population.

I do not see any tangible way the passport process is improved by implementing a change from gender designations, to sex designations. It will cost the taxpayer money, it will cause delay & confusion in the process of passport applications, it will in all simply muddy a system which otherwise appears to be functioning. Many other federal institutions have been sent into a spiral of chaotic disorganization by the recent policy changes, layoffs, & haphazard restructuring efforts put into effect in the last 4 weeks. If this department needs to shift policy upon every whim of Executive Order, it will spiral as well. Eventually.

I can only see the application of this E.O. as a net detraction from the Department of State's current capacity to process the duties of its office, & for that reason I oppose the revisions requested for these procedures.