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The government has no right to determine who is or isn't an "eligible" individual based on their sex, gender, or name. The only things that should make a person eligible for a passport (and their right to travel abroad), is the fact that they are a US citizen and whether or not they can pay for the passport and all its fees. US citizens should have equal rights no matter who they are, and to say otherwise is fundamentally un-American. The president and the government should be ashamed of themselves for trying to usher in a new era of power hungry, dictatorial actions. They should be ashamed of themselves for acting abhorrently unconstitutional. America has always been diverse and we should celebrate that diversity.

To deny someone their right to travel just because you want them to fit in the same boxes everyone else does is fascist. The fact that you are preventing people from getting or renewing passports if their gender marker doesn't match their assigned sex at birth is fascist. What business it of yours anyways? Why do you care so much? Trans people are human people. They live life very similarly to everyone else, and pose no more threat to anyone than the average person, probably even less so. There may be a few of them that are bad apples, but compared to the statistics of cishet white men, trans people are incredibly nonviolent. Cishet white men are the real dangers, especially to those that they are close to. May I remind you of all the religious leaders that inappropriately touch minors? They are the real groomers and pedophiles.

We, the american people, are stronger the more diverse we are. When we celebrate diversity, focus on equity, and include marginalized groups in our policies, we are stronger. It makes everything better for everyone. We demand inclusive policies. We demand that the president does not get full, authoritarian control. America fought to be free from a king over 200 years ago--and you are damn right that we will do it again. Shame on the president, shame on the government. Shame on all of those that supports this authoritarian grab for power. One day, they will realize that they will be on the wrong side of history.