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Hello, I'm commenting re: E.O. 14168.

This E.O. claims to have 2 goals:

1. "[Defend] women from gender ideological extremism"
2. "[Restore] biological truth to the federal government"

1. The "gender ideological extremism" in question is a stand-in for "transgender people" (and also includes nonbinary individuals and gender non-conforming individuals). This E.O. is a blatant attack on this population of Americans, and will have consequences of disenfranchising or endangering these Americans. Women are not in danger of transgender people any more than from cisgender people. In fact, the rhetoric that this E.O. is borne of has actually increased cases for harassment and assault for transgender women and men [1], and cisgender women. The numbers are highest for transgender women and cisgender women are not exempt from be targeted either [2]. The excuse to protect women is entirely false and unfounded by fact.

2. The biological truth is that nature is messy and not strictly binary when it comes to humans. Intersex people exist, with an estimate of 1% of Americans [3] (that's millions of people). Further, an individual's preference to embody one gender over another is only that individual's business and whomever they themselves choose at their discretion. Transgender people, intersex people, and nonbinary people exist, and we have the same human rights to exist just as cisgender people do. Again, this E.O. is not based on fact, only hate.

The only gender ideological extremism being pushed is the government's invasion of personal privacy and bodily autonomy, and using nonconformity as justification for hate crimes, disenfranchisement, and erasure.

We are Americans. We have human rights and civil rights. This E.O. targets people among the most vulnerable populations of Americans, and cisgender Americans are not exempt in getting caught in the crossfires.

As mentioned, it is not the government's business or authority to dictate one's bodily autonomy. It's absolutely ridiculous that our government wastes every American's time and money over something so trivial, and given this E.O. to pass, even more resources are wasted with the side-effect of weakening our social bonds and interpersonal safety.

Thank you for reading.

**References:**

[1] <https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/press/ncvs-trans-press-release/>

[2] <https://www.vox.com/2016/5/18/11690234/women-bathrooms-harassment>

[3] <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/articles/16324-intersex>