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While I can appreciate the political and social complexities of the gender/sex arguments, I am dismayed that the topic has become yet another polarized battleground where the pendulum swings so far to either side. This is yet another example of how that happens, and the result it one side feels like the victor, while the other side is denigrated and marginalized.

Simply declaring in an executive order that there are two sexes will not make this situation go away. It will not change the self-perception of those who experience gender dysphoria. It will not encourage a social dialogue that promotes a new and better approach to this segment of our society.

A far better approach would be, rather than change gender back to sex, simply include both on identification documents. It would be simple enough to retain "male" and "female" as sex identifiers, and "man" and "woman" as gender identifiers. While the majority of citizens would have "man/male" or "woman/female" this would also allow for combinations such as "woman/male" and "man/female."

Thus, any organization requiring one piece of information or the other would have a much more clear understanding of the person carrying the ID. I believe it would also help society conceptualize the arguments in a way that would make discussion more productive, and also acknowledges the complexities experienced by affected individuals trying to find their place in society.