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There are many intersex people that may have seemed biologically to be one sex when first born and assigned a gender, only to have biological characteristics of another sex also become apparent later in life. They may want to update their passport with the sex that they more closely resemble, or maybe they want to be private about the fact that they are intersex. Using gender instead of sex is much more helpful for those who's biological sex does not fit into either "Male" or "Female.

There are also people who have a gender that does not match with the sex they were assigned at birth. Gender and sex are two different things, and to use sex as an identifier would make things more difficult for many people as gender is easier to present outwardly, while identifying and verifying someone's sex would involve violating their privacy. This could cause trouble for many Americans if their identity was doubted while traveling. If someone checked their passports and their picture did not look like how someone with their marked sex might appear, how would that sex be verified?

I believe this change is unnecessary and hurt many Americans. I believe identification via gender is much more accurate, and as gender and appearance changes for some people over time, Americans should not be denied or feel afraid to have the option to update their passport with new information such as name and gender to help them continue to have an accurate way to identify themselves.