

**Author Full Name :** Anonymous**Received Date :** 02/21/2025 04:27 AM**Comments Received :**

Passport renewal involves submitting updated photographs of the passport holder. The purpose of this is so the passport can help the holder be accurately identified. Because gender is not the same thing as sex, and many people have genders and gender presentations that do not match the sex they were assigned at birth, this could mean that having sex used as an identifier instead of gender on a renewed passport would lower the accuracy of its purpose as an identifier of the holder.

Using sex for identification, as opposed to gender, would make it more difficult for those checking a passport to verify the identity of the holder, as while gender is easier to check for visually, you cannot verify biological sex without invading the privacy of the person you who's sex you are trying to verify.

There are also people who have had surgery to change their bodies. Even if their privacy was invaded to verify their sex, their bodies would not show the characteristics of the sex they were assigned at birth. This could cause their identity to be doubted.

I believe that changing passports to display sex assigned at birth instead of gender would reduce the accuracy of passports for those that renew them, and harm the effectiveness of their purpose as an identifier.