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Making passports more difficult to acquire for legal citizens of the US only serves to make this country less prosperous and less connected to the rest of the world. If people are restricted from ever leaving to travel for learning, work, or even leisure, it severely restricts America's ability to be a powerhouse on an international stage. When grade school children in other countries have a chance to learn more about the world than we do simply because they can travel and experience other countries and cultures, it puts America in the gutter in terms of the international stage. Restricting passport applications from the official source only serves to appease bigoted man-children who want a scapegoat so they can take away American's rights to free travel and learning for them and their children.