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Ignoring the ethical angle for a moment (plenty of other folks will tackle that far better than I could), insisting that birth gender be the only available marker on passports at renewal is a logistical nightmare waiting to happen. Every time someone whose gender presentation doesn't align with that marker tries to travel, it's going to cause unnecessary headaches—not just for them, but potentially for the U.S. government as well. The time and resources wasted on resolving these mismatches make the whole thing wildly inefficient. If we're looking at this purely from a practicality standpoint, there's simply no good reason to make birth gender the only option.