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Ethical factors aside, as I'm sure many other commenters will be addressing that issue more eloquently than I, forcing birth gender as the default and singular gender marker option on passports is going to be a massive issue every time a person whose gender presentation does not match their passport gender marker attempts to travel. The time they, and potentially the US government, will have to spend sorting that out is going to be hugely wasteful. From a pure efficiency standpoint, there's no reason to force birth gender as the sole passport gender marker option.