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Concerning the check of one's name when getting a passport, the reason why one would change their name is up for the individual to decide and for the courts to check upon applying for a name change.

This should then, be of no concern to the State Department upon said individual applying for a passport, and if there is concern, then I believe it should not be addressed during the passport application, but at the courts when the name change is applied for.

Addressing such concerns during a passport application besides a routine inspection applicable to all travelers, is past the point of genuine concern and serves only to hinder.