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My understanding of the uses and functions of a passport is to provide a standardized, legally recognized proof of a person's identity for the purposes of travel and employment.

There seems to be no functional purpose in this to requiring an assigned sex at birth.

a) 1 in 2000-4500 births in the US are infants who have ambiguous sex characteristics, and of those, adolescence often causes changes that invalidate the delivering physician's sex designation. How is it helpful, for example, in identifying someone by a female designation when they have descended testes producing the sperm?

b) screeners generally provide visual identification of the sex of the presenting traveler or applicant. Even with nudity, this would not always match the designated birth sex. There is much visual variance in bodies.

c) there are long established medical procedures that alter visual and hormonal profiles of people. Making these procedures illegal in the US will not stop them from happening. If the purpose is identifying the individual, then identification that matches the visual category to which the person is currently assigned is the more valuable measure.

Finally, there is nothing about a sex designation on a passport that does anything to protect women in public spaces, the executive order and this implementation have no bearing on the actual safety of women or men in this country. To say otherwise is as much an ideological statement as the claimed ideology in that same executive order.