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The recently enacted policy regarding passports for trans individuals carries the effect of forcing US citizens to disclose private medical information during routine encounters with border agents. Such a policy is unconscionable and unconstitutional.

As characteristics not plainly observable cannot be used to reliably identify an individual (the purpose of a passport), the policy serves no legitimate government interest.

Even if it did, the knock on effect of requiring certain individuals to effectively disclose private medical information drastically exceeds the scope of any legitimate interest the government has in listing descriptive information about individuals on their passports. The policy in question therefore fails the legal requirement of Strict Scrutiny on grounds of both legitimate interest AND on grounds of its requirement to be narrowly tailored, which makes it a violation of the Equal Protection clause.