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--> It creates travel and legal nightmares for cis people. Incorrect gender markers are accidentally given to cis people all the time, this EO means that they're now going to be trapped with a passport that may mismatch their state ID and possibly even their SSN, and mismatched IDs can create all kinds of legal headaches. (And now it seems they're reverting gender markers to the earliest document they have of you, so even if you had it corrected in the past, it will be reverted to the erroneous version.)

--> It threatens the safety of American citizens traveling to other countries. If a trans person is cis-passing but their passport outs their sex at birth and they travel to places that aren't as safe for trans people (the US is still better than many, for now), that could put them in a very dangerous situation. In the same way, this also threatens cis American citizens with gender errors on their passports who could still be the victims of transphobia.