Public Comments for ICR 202502-1405-002

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Comments Received:

- Regarding EO 10148, surely you as educated professional officials understand that there's no such thing as "biological truth" that needs to be "restored" to Federal operations. And that it's a dangerous slippery slope to be so hasty to label large bodies of academic and social studies as "extremism."
- People who identify as transgender and nonbinary and people who are intersex do exist, have always existed, and will always exist. That's the "truth" of biology: nature holds endless variation, there are more than two types of just about anything, and as soon as you think there's a rule to describe what's found in nature, you find something that doesn't fit into that rule and the rule has to be changed. Pretending that people who don't neatly fit an "F" or an "M" label don't exist won't make any regulatory process more efficient, it will only create more hassle and endless debates over how best to describe, document, prove, legislate, etc. etc.
- Sex (or gender) doesn't make a good identifier, and especially not if given only two options. And even less so when a stranger in an authority role deigns to disagree with an individual about which categories that person best fits. That sounds like more conflict, more lawsuits, LESS efficiency.
- Self determination of gender is one approach, which many governments (most recently Germany, I believe) have realized makes the most sense all around. When there's a disagreement about what someone's sex or gender is, that's often for a good reason and it will not be solved quickly no matter what policy is written.
- Do you really think it's going to make any agency more efficient if they have to review documentation related to a person's physical, medical, or vital records history just to issue or renew a routine document?
- Assigning a gender to someone else, especially nonconsensually, will not in any way impact security issues. There is no evidence that sex- or gender-related profiling increases security. What it would certainly do is waste lots of time and resources on conflicts and lawsuits, create lots of confusion, and spur ongoing conflicts when people's ideas clash about determining sex/gender, aesthetics, appropriateness of dress or hair or other body modifications ... the list of factors that could impact someone's appearance or how they're perceived is endless.
- Another option that would be even more efficient than gender self-determination would be not to rely on sex for identification or screening purposes at all. But if you truly seek the most efficient solution to this proposed rule, you'll throw it out and allow people to write their own sex (including X) just as they write their own address. It'll be okay, really.