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## **Comments Received:**

\--> \*\*This threatens freedom of speech\*\* by banning a critical form of self expression. It's unconstitutional.

\--> \*\*It's a dangerous legal precedent.\*\* Besides being unconstitutional, if this EO stands, it gives the government - hell the \*president\* \- the power to decide and decree something that controls \*human beings\* on a fundamental level, based solely on the religious and political opinions of one group of people. That's wildly undemocratic and sets a very dangerous precedent for future EOs and laws.

\--> \*\*This is making an official statement that's not even scientifically accurate.\*\* There are many many studies by biologists and geneticists that indicate that, on a genetic level, sex is not cleanly binary, especially in the way the EO dictates (which hilariously isn't even correct on the most basic scientific reproductive principles and makes all cis men legally cis women). Not to mention that - gender aside - intersex people exist and there is no reasonable biological or empirical doubt about that.

## Some smaller reasons:

\--> \*\*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. This \*also\* threatens cis American citizens who may have been issued the wrong gender marker by accident.

\--> \*\*It creates travel and legal nightmares for cis people as well.\*\* Incorrect gender markers are accidentally given to cis people all the time (as you can see from this subreddit alone)... 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.)

This does not provide the "protection" for women it claims to. What would protect women would be holding men accountable for their actions, not limiting everyone's freedoms.