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The birth certificate is essentially meaningless to use as identification of gender or of name.

Gender by definition is the characteristics of women, men, girls and boys that are socially constructed. This includes norms, behaviours and roles associated with being a woman, man, girl or boy, as well as relationships with each other. As a social construct, gender varies from society to society and can change over time. Transgender by definition is denoting or relating to a person whose gender identity does not correspond with the sex registered for them at birth. Names at birth will often change to reflect the transgender transformation. There is so much wrong with this act but let's stick with the facts: gender is a social construct.