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Birth certificates are legal documents that record the exact data surrounding the birth of every child. This includes parental identification, time and date of birth, location of delivery, and the sex of the baby as documented on the baby's medical record by licensed medical professionals. The sex of the baby is overwhelmingly obvious in the vast majority of cases in the external physiological manifestations of the genitalia. Changing the birth certificate based on a perceived later gender preference is illogical and incorrect. At the time of birth the baby did NOT have any opinion regarding gender.