

PHOTO ID

You cannot buy an air travel ticket without a photo ID because the airlines want to deny your right to travel by air.

You cannot cash a check without a photo ID because banks want to deny your access to your money.

You cannot buy a package of cigarettes without a photo ID because the merchants want to deny your right to smoke.

You cannot buy alcoholic beverages without a photo ID because the sellers want to deny your right to drink.

The list could go on and on with items such as

Opening a bank account, Apply for food stamps, Apply for welfare, Apply for Medicaid/Social Security, Apply for unemployment or a job, Rent/buy a house, apply for a mortgage, Get married, Drive/buy/rent a car, Purchase a gun, Adopt a pet, Rent a hotel room, Apply for a hunting license, Apply for a fishing license, Visit a casino, Blood donations, Buy an "M" rated video game, Purchase certain cold medicines, etc.

If we were to argue that such requirements are because the providers want to deny your rights to purchase or participate in the product or activity we would be subjected to ridicule and such claims would be cited as evidence that we are lacking common sense.

So, why are some people arguing that "requiring a photo ID to vote in an election is an effort to suppress voting"? (No cheating on answering this question: do NOT look at the last three words in the previous paragraph.)