



Tesla

Locations: Texas (HQ)
Industries: Automobiles and Components

RISK LEVEL:



Medium Risk

DESCRIPTION:

Tesla scored a 55 on the 2023 Corporate Equality Index (CEI) from the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), a political stakeholder group. By complying with the HRC's controversial demands, Tesla increases the risk of dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders. The company covers transgender-related medical costs for its employees and their children. It also uses sex and gender ideology criteria in employee recruitment, vendor selection, and philanthropic support. Tesla forces employees to undergo multiple ideological trainings and uses its corporate funds to support controversial sex and gender ideologies and organizations. Tesla did get into trouble for firing a pro-unionization worker who was eventually rehired. The company provides a benefits package for employees which covers travel/lodging costs for an abortion and transgender medical procedures for covered employees and dependents, including children. Tesla supports the Equality Act. For these reasons, Tesla receives a Medium Risk rating.

Corporate Weaponization

Has denied service to customers, suppliers, or vendors due to their political views or religious beliefs OR corporately boycotts, divests, or sanctions regions, people groups, or industries. Medium Risk

Tesla received a score of 55/2023 Corporate Equality Index (CEI) from the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), a political stakeholder group. The company recruits employees based on sexual identity issues. The company discriminates against vendors that do not promote divisive sex and gender policies, indicating it prioritizes sexual issues over merit (1)(2). Tesla was ordered by the National Labor Relations Board to rehire an employee who it claimed was fired over pro-unionization statements (3)(4). However, Tesla claims it fired the employee for posting internal employee profiles to Facebook illegally and that the firing was never related to that employee's political beliefs.

Charitable giving (including employee matching programs) policies or practices discriminate against charitable organizations based on views or religious beliefs. High Risk

Tesla's CEI rating indicates the company will not donate to non-religious charities unless they embrace controversial sexual identity policies (1)(2).

Employment policies fail to protect against discrimination based on political affiliation/views and/or religion. High Risk

Tesla has viewpoint and religious protections for suppliers, but only religious protections for employees (1). It does not protect employees from viewpoint discrimination (2).

Corporate Governance and Public Policy

Uses corporate reputation to support ideological causes and/or organizations hostile to freedom of expression. Medium Risk

Tesla signed an open letter in support of the Equality Act (1).

Uses corporate funds to advance ideological causes, organizations, or policies hostile to freedom High Risk of expression.

Tesla provides a benefits package for employees which covers travel/lodging costs for an abortion and transgender medical procedures for covered employees and dependents, including children (1)(2)(3)(4)(5). Tesla indicates the company covers transgender related costs for its employees and their children, including paid short-term leave, puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, chest surgeries, genital surgeries, medical visits and lab monitoring, travel and lodging. Additionally, the company has pledged philanthropic support of at least one organization or event that promotes sex and gender ideology (6)(7). By allowing a political stakeholder group to dictate operations, the company increases health care costs and risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders.

Uses corporate political contributions for ideological, non-business purposes.

N/A

Tesla does not operate a PAC at this time and has not lobbied for ideological purposes (1)(2)(3).

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