

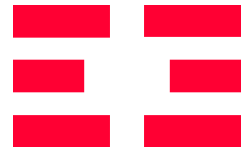


Stripe

Locations: Ireland (HQ)

Industries: Payment Processing

RISK LEVEL:



High Risk

DESCRIPTION:

Stripe, a payment processing company, has cut off services to the Trump campaign and Gab.com, as well as many other former users based on a broad set of terms and conditions. Stripe does not provide viewpoint protections for its employees. The co-founders waived \$1 million in fees from racial justice organizations, including some funds used to bail out protesters from the Black Lives Matter protests. Stripe also donated directly to the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) to fight former President Trump's travel ban on predominantly Muslim countries. The company is a member of the MCCA, indicating its focus on recruiting, retaining, and promoting employees based on race. For these reasons, Stripe receives a High 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. **High Risk**

Stripe ended its relationship with the Trump campaign following January 6, 2021 (1). Stripe also cut ties with Gab.com, however this occurred after a user on that platform attacked a synagogue (2). Stripe canceled the account of American Family Association, a Christian nonprofit (3).

Charitable giving (including employee matching programs) policies or practices discriminate against charitable organizations based on views or religious beliefs. **N/A**

Stripe does not publish charitable giving guidelines (1).

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

Stripe does not provide viewpoint protections for its employees (1).

Corporate Governance and Public Policy

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

CEO Patrick Collison is a member of the Business Roundtable, but has not supported ideological initiatives [\(1\)](#).

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

Stripe's co-founders both made large donations to the ACLU in response to former President Trump's travel ban from certain countries [\(1\)](#)[\(2\)](#)[\(3\)](#). It is unclear if any corporate funds were used, however. Stripe did waive fees in 2020 for racial justice organizations, including some funds used to bail out protesters from the Black Lives Matter protests [\(4\)](#). Stripe also donated a total \$500,000 to organizations focusing on police reform [\(5\)](#)[\(6\)](#). The company is a member of the MCCA, indicating its focus on recruiting, retaining, and promoting employees based on race [\(7\)](#)[\(8\)](#).

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

Lower Risk

Stripe has not used its political contributions for ideological purposes [\(1\)](#)[\(2\)](#).

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