

AutoNation**AutoNation**

Locations: Florida (HQ)

Industries: Retailing

RISK LEVEL:**Lower Risk****DESCRIPTION:**

AutoNation is Lower Risk. The company does not yield to political activism in shaping corporate governance, preventing initiatives that potentially alienate consumers, divide employees, and harm shareholders. The company implements race and identity-based policies that replace merit, excellence, and integrity with preferential treatment and outcomes. Overall, AutoNation does not embrace corporate initiatives that redirect its central focus from business goals to partisan policies and divisive issues. This approach protects free exercise, free speech, and free enterprise.

Corporate Weaponization

Has canceled 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

AutoNation received a score of 70 on the 2025 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). AutoNation has not publicly canceled customers, suppliers, or vendors based on political views or religious beliefs (3).

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

AutoNation does not appear to discriminate against charitable organizations based on views or beliefs (1)(2).

Employment policies fail to protect against viewpoint or other discrimination and/or are ideological in nature. High Risk

AutoNation's HRC 2025 CEI rating indicates the company forces employees to attend multiple, controversial trainings on gender identity, sexual orientation, transgender issues, and divisive racial ideology (1)(2). AutoNation does not provide viewpoint protections for its employees (3).

Corporate Governance and Public Policy

Uses corporate reputation to support causes, organizations, or policies hostile to freedom of expression.

Lower Risk

AutoNation has not supported ideological causes or policies [\(1\)](#).

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

Medium Risk

AutoNation's HRC 2025 CEI rating 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. By allowing a political stakeholder group to dictate operations, the company increases health care costs and risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders [\(1\)](#)[\(2\)](#). AutoNation has not used corporate funds to advance ideological causes, organizations, or policies [\(3\)](#).

Uses corporate political actions and/or financial contributions for ideological, non-business purposes.

Lower Risk

AutoNation has not used its PAC donations for ideological purposes and does not engage in lobbying at this time [\(1\)](#)[\(2\)](#)[\(3\)](#).

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