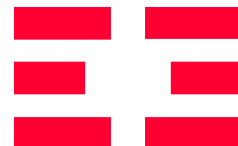




Locations: Switzerland (HQ)
Industries: Food Beverage and Tobacco

RISK LEVEL:



High Risk

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DESCRIPTION:

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

Nestle USA Inc. received a score of 100 on the 2026 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)(3).

4(5). The company was a member of the Global Alliance for Responsible Media, which demonetized and suppressed content that it deemed to spread "hate speech" or "misinformation", discuss "debated social issues in a negative or partisan context", or "vilify" individuals based on sexual orientation and gender identity. These arbitrary guidelines were used to censor mainstream perspectives online (6)(7)(8). The company integrates ESG into its business practices. From its Responsible Sourcing Core Requirements: "A time-bound plan is in place, setting out actions encompassing Scope 1, 2 and 3 greenhouse gas emissions (GHG), in order to mitigate and decrease the GHG footprint in accordance with science-based targets that are in line with the Paris Agreement or an equivalent standard" (9). The company's PGLE membership reflects its commitment to vet business partners based on LGBTQ+ policies (10)(11)(12). The company promotes divisive sex and gender policies. Its Responsible Sourcing Core Requirements require international vendors to include sexual orientation in their nondiscrimination policy (13). However, the company has not canceled customers, suppliers, or vendors based on political views or religious beliefs (14).

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

1)(2)(34)(5). The company does not appear to discriminate against religious organizations based on views or beliefs. The company's charitable giving focus areas are disaster relief, food access, community life, and employee giving (6).

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

1)(2)(34)(5). The company offers unconscious bias training to its employees (6). The company appears to prioritize diversity over

merit in its hiring and promotions. From its Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion page: "Hiring and promoting more women in senior executive positions" (7). The company appears to prioritize diversity over merit in its leadership composition. From its 2024 Corporate Governance Report: "The Nomination Committee periodically reviews the composition of the Board using various criteria, including, without limitation:... the Board's diversity of personal attributes including gender, age, ethnicity, nationality, culture and leadership approach" (8). The company does not provide viewpoint protections for its employees (9).

Corporate Governance and Public Policy

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

1)(2)(34)(5). The company's PGLE membership reflects its commitment to "operationalize" company coverage of transgender surgery and treatment, the vetting of business partners based on LGBTQ+ policies, and the financial support of LGBTQ organizations on a global level (6)(7)(8). The company signed an open letter endorsing the Equality Act, a contentious proposal to amend the 1964 Civil Rights Act by adding sexual orientation and so-called gender identity as protected categories. The legislation would, among other implications, grant biological men access to women-only spaces such as sports teams and public restrooms, and compel healthcare providers to deliver sex-denying healthcare (9). The company also supports a variety of "inclusive" policies, such as funding employee gender transitions and mandating racial unconscious bias training for all employees (10). The company opposed the Florida Parental Rights in Education Act, which would prohibit teaching gender identity and sexual orientation to kids in K-3rd grade (11). The company opposed various state and local legislation intended to protect parental rights, girls' sports, bathroom facilities, and gendered spaces (12)(13). The company opposed legislation in Iowa intended to protect parental rights, girls' sports, bathroom facilities, and gendered spaces (14). The company is aligned with the Paris Agreement, which entails a commitment to net zero carbon emissions by 2050 (15). The company is committed to net zero carbon emissions by 2050 (16). The company supports DEI within its business practices. From its Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion page: "This commitment starts at recruitment and continues to the end of the working relationship. Each of our markets has a diversity, equity & inclusion action plan designed to provide equal opportunities for everyone to contribute, grow and feel valued" (17)(18). The company scored a 100 out of 100 on the 2023-2024 Corporate Equality Index (CEI) from the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), a political stakeholder group (19)(20).

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

1)(2)(3)(45)(6). The company was a member of the Global Alliance for Responsible Media and has donated to the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) (7)(8)(9)(10). The company is a PGLE member, a copper sponsor of Out & Equal, and a corporate partner of the NGLCC (11)(12)(13). The company is a partner of the HRC's Foundation (14)(15)(16)(17)(18)(19)(20). Sweet Earth, a subsidiary of the company, is a Friend level partner of PFLAG, an LGBTQ+ activist group that promotes books for children with sexually explicit and gender fluid content and advocates against laws that inform parents of their child's gender dysphoria or prevent unapproved transgender medical treatments for minors (21)(22)(23). The company is a corporate partner of Ashoka, a global network of entrepreneurs focused on widespread, systemic social and environmental change (24). PECA has reported the company to have spent \$104,350 towards Pride (LGBTQ) events and partnerships from 2013-2024 (25)(26)(27)(28)(29)(30)(31). Otherwise, there are no publicly known cases of the company using corporate funds to advance ideological causes, organizations, or policies (32).

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

has lobbied for the Equality Act (1)(2). 's HRC 2025 CEI rating indicates the company publicly advocated for controversial sex and gender ideology through local, state or federal legislation or initiatives. By allowing a political stakeholder group to dictate operations,

the company risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders (3)(4). In 2019, 2020, the company lobbied for the Equality Act (5)(6). The company's PAC has been defunct since 2008 (7)(8).

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