



Stryker Corporation

Locations: Michigan (HQ)

Industries: Health Care Equipment and Services



DESCRIPTION:

Stryker Corporation scored a 100 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, Stryker increases the risk of dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders. The company covers transgender-related medical costs for its employees and their children and provides specific sexual orientation and gender identity-based benefits. It also uses sex and gender ideology criteria in vendor selection and marketing. Stryker forces employees to undergo multiple ideological trainings and uses its reputation, corporate funds, and political influence to support controversial sex and gender ideologies, organizations, and legislation. The company is a signatory of the Business Roundtable's 2019 Statement on the Purpose of Corporation, which promotes stakeholder capitalism. However, Stryker has not used its lobbying for ideological purposes. For these reasons, Stryker receives a High Risk rating.

Corporate Weaponization

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

Stryker scored a 100 on the 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). Stryker has a written policy pledging to vet vendors for LGBTQ policies. It requires vendors to include sexual orientation and gender identity in its nondiscrimination policy (3). However, the company has not publicly fired customers, suppliers, or vendors based on political views or religious beliefs.

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

Stryker's HRC CEI rating indicates the company will not donate to non-religious charities unless they embrace controversial sexual identity policies ($\underline{1}$)($\underline{2}$). The company focuses on healthcare, education, environmental health, and community organizations ($\underline{1}$)($\underline{2}$).

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

Strykerindicates the company forces employees to attend multiple, controversial trainings on gender identity, sexual orientation, transgender issues, and divisive racial ideology. The company provides gender transition guidelines for its employees and a specific benefits guide with a comprehensive explanation of transgender services funded by the company $(\underline{1})(\underline{2})$. Stryker does not publish a nondiscrimination policy.



Corporate Governance and Public Policy

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

Strykerng indicates the company agrees to allow a controversial stakeholder group focused on sexual identity issues to dictate marketing or advertising strategy ($\underline{1}$)($\underline{2}$). By doing so, the company risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders. Stryker's3).

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

Stryker's HRC 2023 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. Additionally, the company has pledged philanthropic support of at least one organization or event that promotes sex and gender ideology (1)(2). By allowing a political stakeholder group to dictate operations, the company increases health care costs and risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders. Stryker's Allies for Equality group has publicized donations to community Pride events and LGBTA resource centers (3).

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

High Risk

Strykerindicates the company publicly advocated for controversial sex and gender ideology through local, state or federal legislation or initiatives (1)(2). By allowing a political stakeholder group to dictate operations, the company risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders. Stryker does not operate a PAC at this time and has not used its lobbying for ideological purposes (3)(4).

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