

# **Jacobs**

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Subsidiaries: Carter & Burgess, CH2M Hill

Locations: Texas (HQ)

Industries: Commercial and Professional Services



#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Jacobs Solutions is High Risk. The company yields to political activism in shaping corporate governance, potentially alienating consumers, dividing employees, and harming shareholders. The company implements race and identity-based policies that replace merit, excellence, and integrity with preferential treatment and outcomes. Jacobs Solutions embraces corporate initiatives that redirect its central focus from business goals to partisan policies and divisive issues. This approach fails to safeguard free exercise, free speech, and free enterprise.

### **Corporate Weaponization**

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

Jacobs received a score of 100 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). The company promotes divisive sex and gender policies. Its Supplier Code of Conduct requires international vendors to include sexual orientation and gender identity in their nondiscrimination policy (3). However, the company has not publicly canceled customers, suppliers, or vendors based on political views or religious beliefs (4).

Charitable giving (including employee matching programs) policies or practices discriminate

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against charitable organizations based on views or religious beliefs.

Jacobs' HRC 2025 CEI rating indicates the company will not donate to non-religious charities unless they embrace controversial sexual identity policies (1)(2). The company likely uses Benevity as its charitable giving platform. Benevity vets charities according to the Southern Poverty Law Center's Hate List, which includes mainstream libertarian, conservative, family, and religious advocacy organizations (3)(4)(5).

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

Jacobs' 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. 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 (1)(2). The company requires all high-ranking employees to take "anti-racism" training and hosts "Conscious Inclusion" training for its employees (3)(4). Its CEO Bob Pragada signed Catalyst's Champions for Change pledge, indicating its support of DEI in its leadership composition through the establishment of gender and racial targets (5)(6). The company was a signatory of the Orlando



Economic Partnership's DEI pledge, committing itself to fight systemic racism, prioritize the success of diverse people in its workplace, and ensure DEI "is a strategic imperative with demonstrated commitment and actions" (7). The company appears to prioritize diversity over merit in its recruitment, supply chain, and mentorship program. From its FY 2023 ESG Disclosures: "Our Action Plan for Advancing Justice & Equality sets actionable initiatives and measurable objectives to address embedded and systemic racial inequities within the industry sectors we serve, including those related to training, recruitment and retention, charitable giving, volunteering and supplier diversity" (8). It prioritizes diversity in its supply chain (9). The company does not provide viewpoint protections for its employees (10)(11).

## Corporate Governance and Public Policy

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

Jacobs' HRC 2025 CEI rating indicates the company agrees to allow a controversial stakeholder group focused on sexual identity issues to dictate marketing or advertising strategy. By doing so, the company risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders (1)(2). It 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 (3). Former CEO Steve Demetriou signed its 2019 Statement on the Purpose of a Corporation, which promotes stakeholder capitalism over traditional obligations to shareholders (4). The company opposed various state and local legislation intended to protect parental rights, girls' sports, bathroom facilities, and gendered spaces (5). The company is committed to net zero emissions across the value chain by 2040 (6). The company supports DEI within its business practices, hosting a DEI Council (7).

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

Jacobs' 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. Additionally, the company has pledged philanthropic support of at least one organization or event that promotes sex and gender ideology. 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). The company pledged to match up to "\$100,000 of employee donations to eligible causes dedicated to inclusion, equality and injustice around the world" (3). The company has also "committed to investing \$10 million over five years to support STEAM programs in Black communities, increase our support of diverse suppliers, and strengthen our commitment to developing and hiring the best diverse talent." Part of the this goal is to "contribute to structural change in the broader society" and develop a Supplier Diversity Roadmap (4). Otherwise, there are no publicly known cases of the company using corporate funds to advance ideological causes, organizations, or policies (5).

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

Jacobs' 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 (1)(2). The company has not used its PAC donations or lobbying for ideological purposes (3)(4)(5).



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