



Edison International

Locations: California (HQ)

Industries: Utilities



RISK LEVEL:

High Risk

DESCRIPTION:

Edison International scored a 90 on the 2023 Corporate Equality Index (CEI) from the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), a political stakeholder group. By complying with Human Rights Campaign's controversial demands, Edison International 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 employee recruitment, vendor selection, marketing, and philanthropic support. Edison International 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 discriminates against some religious organizations in its charitable giving and supports the Equality Act. Edison's CEO is a signatory of the Business Roundtable's 2019 Statement on the Purpose of Corporation, which promotes stakeholder capitalism, and is committed to carbon neutrality by 2040. The company regularly uses its reputation to advance LGBTQ Pride and Southern California Edison is a member of the National LGBT Chamber of Commerce. However, the company has not used its political contributions for ideological purposes. For these reasons, Edison International 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.

Medium Risk

Edison International received a score of 90 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). However, Edison International has not publicly terminated business relationships due to religious beliefs or political views.

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

High Risk

Edison International's HRC CEI rating indicates the company will not donate to non-religious charities unless they embrace controversial sexual identity policies $(\underline{1})(\underline{2})$.

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

High Risk



Edison International's HRC 2023 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 does not provide viewpoint protections for its employees (3).

Corporate Governance and Public Policy

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

Edison International's HRC 2023 CEI rating indicates the company agrees to allow a controversial stakeholder group focused on sexual identity issues to dictate marketing or advertising strategy (1)(2). By doing so, the company risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders. Edison International signed an open letter in support of the Equality Act (3). The company hosts various events for LGBTQ youth in its communities (4). CEO Pedro J. Pizarro is a member of the Business Roundtable and signed its 2019 Statement on the Purpose of Corporation, which promotes stakeholder capitalism over traditional obligations to shareholders and customers (5)(6). Edison Internationalis a Ceres Network Member, committed to net zero carbon emissions by 2040 (7)(8).

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

Edison International'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.3). Southern California Edison is a corporate partner of the National LGBT Chamber of Commerce (4).

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

High Risk

Edison International's HRC 2023 CEI rating indicates 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. The company3)(4)(5).

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