



# Honda

Subsidiaries: Acura Locations: Japan (HQ)

Industries: Automobiles and Components



#### **DESCRIPTION:**

By complying with Human Rights Campaign's controversial demands, Honda increases the risk of dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders. The company covers transgender-related medical costs for its employees and their children. It also uses sex and gender ideology criteria in employee recruitment, vendor selection, marketing, and philanthropic support. Honda uses its reputation, corporate funds, and political influence to support controversial sex and gender ideologies, organizations, and legislation. Honda opposed various state and local legislation intended to protect parental rights, girls' sports, bathroom facilities, and gendered spaces. Honda is a brass sponsor of Out & Equal, and is a corporate partner of the NGLCC. For these reasons, Honda 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** 

Honda received a score of 70 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).

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

**High Risk** 

Honda's HRC CEI rating indicates the company will not donate to non-religious charities unless they embrace controversial sexual identity policies (1)(2). Honda does not discriminate against religious organizations in its charitable giving ( $\frac{3}{2}$ )( $\frac{4}{2}$ ).

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

**High Risk** 

Honda's HRC 2023 CEI rating indicates the company provides gender transition guidelines for its employees 1)(2). Honda 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.

Honda'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. The American Honda Motor Company is a member of the Business Coalition for the Equality Act (3) 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 (4). The American Honda Motor Company 5).

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

Honda'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, tra vel 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. Honda is a brass sponsor of Out & Equal and a corporate partner of the National LGBT Chamber of Commerce (3)(4).

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

High Risk

Honda'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.

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