



# Sanofi

Locations: New Jersey (HQ)

Industries: Pharmaceuticals Biotechnology and Life Sciences



**RISK LEVEL:** 

High Risk

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Sanofi 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, Sanofi, a French pharmaceutical company, 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. Sanofi 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 provides a benefits package for employees which covers travel/lodging costs for an abortion and transgender medical procedures for covered employees and dependents, including children. America First Legal filed a letter with the EEOC requesting a civil rights investigation into Sanofi over discriminatory practices in hiring. Sanofi is a member of the Global Alliance for Responsible Media. However, Sanofi has not publicly terminated business relationships based on views or beliefs. The company provides a benefits package for employees which covers travel/lodging costs for an abortion and offers "Challenge your Bias" trainings. Sanofi signed the Equality Act and is a corporate partner of the National LGBT Chamber of Commerce. However, the company provides its employees with protections against viewpoint discrimination, does not discriminate against faith-based charities, and does not use its PAC contributions for ideological purposes. For these reasons, Sanofi receives a High Risk rating.

### **Corporate Weaponization**

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

Sanofi received a score of 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)(23)(4)(5). 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.

Sanofi's HRC CEI rating indicates the company will not donate to non-religious charities unless they embrace controversial sexual identity policies (1)(2). Sanofi does not discriminate against charitable organizations based on views or beliefs (3).



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

**High Risk** 

Sanofi'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  $(\underline{1})(\underline{2})$ . Sanofi's CEO signed the CEO Action for Diversity & Inclusion pledge, which includes a commitment to promote DEI through bias education training in the workplace  $(\underline{3})$ . Sanofi protects its employees against viewpoint discrimination  $(\underline{4})(\underline{5})$ . America First Legal filed a letter with the EEOC requesting a civil rights investigation into Sanofi over discriminatory practices in hiring  $(\underline{6})(7)$ .

## **Corporate Governance and Public Policy**

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

Sanofi'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. Sanofi is a member of the Business Coalition for the Equality Act and offers diversity training for all its employees (3)(4). Sanofi denounced Florida's law that prevents public schools from teaching young children about gender identity and sexuality (5).

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

Sanofi provides a benefits package for employees which covers travel/lodging costs for an abortion and transgender medical procedures for covered employees and dependents, including children (1)(2)(3). The company'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 (4)(56)(7)(8)(9).

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

**High Risk** 

Sanofi'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. Sanofi has not used its PAC donations or lobbying for ideological purposes (3)(4)(5).

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