



## Wavfair

Locations: Massachusetts (HQ)

Industries: Retailing



**RISK LEVEL:** 

High Risk

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Wayfair refused to cancel a private prison contract in 2019 but allegedly dropped Trump Home Decor in November 2016. By complying with Human Rights Campaign's controversial demands, Wayfair 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, and philanthropic support. The company opposed various state and local legislation intended to protect parental rights, girls' sports, bathroom facilities, and gendered spaces. Wayfair forces employees to undergo multiple ideological trainings and uses its corporate funds to support controversial sex and gender ideologies and organizations. For these reasons, Wayfair receives a Medium Risk rating.

## **Corporate Weaponization**

**High Risk** 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.

Wayfair dropped Trump Home Decor in November 2016 without a public statement (1). The company came under pressure to cancel contracts with a private prison system, but the leadership decided to keep the contracts out of a desire to remain apolitical (2). Wayfair received a score of 75 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 (3)(4)

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

WayfairRC CEI rating indicates the company will not donate to non-religious charities unless they embrace controversial sexual identity policies (1)(2).

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

Wayfairindicates 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). Wayfair 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 Medium Risk of expression.

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

Wayfairindicates 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.

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

Lower Risk

Wayfair has not used its PAC donations for ideological purposes (1)(2).

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