



## Authorize.Net

Locations: Utah (HQ)

Industries: Payment Processing

RISK LEVEL:



High Risk

### DESCRIPTION:

A subsidiary of Visa, Authorize.Net is a payment gateway service provider that allows merchants to accept electronic payments. Authorize.net suddenly canceled a customer for legally selling firearms after years of doing business with the vendor. Its parent company, Visa, has supported the Equality Act, vets vendors for their LGBTQ protections, and financially supports ideological groups hostile to freedom of expression through gift matching. Authorize.net does not have viewpoint protections for its employees. For these reasons, Authorize.net 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.** **High Risk**

*Authorize.net terminated its relationship with Hyatt Gun Shop in 2013 due to a then-recently instated company policy against selling firearms (1). Visa received a score of 100 on the Corporate Equality Index from the Human Rights Campaign. Among other requirements, this means Visa has pledged to vet vendors based on LGBTQ policies (2).*

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

*Authorize.net does not have a charitable giving program (1).*

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

*Authorize.net abides by Visa's employment policies, which do not protect employees from viewpoint discrimination (1).*

### Corporate Governance and Public Policy

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

*Authorize.net has not used its image to advance ideological agendas. However, Visa has supported the Equality Act (1).*

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

*Authorize.net does not use corporate funds to advance ideological agendas, though Visa regularly supports ideological groups hostile to freedom of expression through gift matching [\(1\)](#).*

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

*Visa, the parent company of Authorize.net, has not used its PAC for ideological purposes unrelated to business interests [\(1\)](#). Authorize.net does not have a PAC.*

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