

Thomson Reuters (and Westlaw)

Locations: Canada (HQ)

Industries: Commercial and Professional Services, Media and Entertainment

RISK LEVEL:



High Risk

DESCRIPTION:

Westlaw is an online legal research service and proprietary database for lawyers and legal professionals; it is owned by media company Thomson Reuters. Thomson Reuters vets suppliers according to LGBTQ policies and fired a data analyst for opposing the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement. Thomson Reuters does not have viewpoint protections for its employees. Thomson Reuters has used its media profile to support ideas such as critical race theory and is a copper sponsor of Out & Equal. For these reasons, Thomson Reuters 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

Thomson Reuters received a score of 100 on the Corporate Equality Index from the Human Rights Campaign (1). Among other requirements, this means the company has pledged to vet vendors for LGBTQ policies. In 2020, Thomson Reuters fired data analyst Zac Kriegman for questioning the validity of the BLM narrative (2).

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

The Thomson Reuters Foundation will match employee charitable contributions to religious organizations that engage in community work under a separate 501(c)(3) status (1).

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

Thomson Reuters' Code of Business Conduct and Ethics does not protect employees from political 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

Westlaw Today is a curated feed of news stories published by Reuters, the news media arm of the Thomson Reuters parent

corporation (1). Through its corporate and ideological affiliation with Reuters, Westlaw has tacitly endorsed Reuters' support of ideological causes such as critical race theory and Democratic voting legislation (2)(3).

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

Thomson Reuters is a copper sponsor of Out & Equal (1).

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

N/A

Thomson Reuters does not have a PAC or make political contributions.

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