



Tripadvisor

Locations: Massachusetts (HQ)

Industries: Commercial and Professional Services, Media and

Entertainment



RISK LEVEL:

High Risk

DESCRIPTION:

Tripadvisor is High Risk. The company yields to political activism in shaping corporate governance, potentially alienating consumers, dividing employees, and harming shareholders. The company implements race and identity-based policies that replace merit, excellence, and integrity with preferential treatment and outcomes. Tripadvisor embraces corporate initiatives that redirect its central focus from business goals to partisan policies and divisive issues. This approach fails to safeguard free exercise, free speech, and free enterprise.

Corporate Weaponization

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

Tripadvisor received a score of 100 on the 2023-2024 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). Tripadvisor dropped its advertisements on conservative television host Laura Ingraham's show amidst controversy in 2018 (9). Tripadvisor has not publicly canceled customers, suppliers, or vendors based on political views or religious beliefs.

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

High Risk

Tripadvisor's HRC 2023-2024 CEI rating indicates the company will not donate to non-religious charities unless they embrace controversial sexual identity policies ($\underline{1}$)($\underline{2}$). Tripadvisor does not appear to discriminate against charitable organizations based on views or beliefs ($\underline{3}$).

Employment policies fail to protect against viewpoint or other discrimination and/or are ideological in nature.

High Risk

Tripadvisor's HRC 2023-2024 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 (1)(2). Tripadvisor does not provide viewpoint protections for its employees (3).



Corporate Governance and Public Policy

Uses corporate reputation to support causes, organizations, or policies hostile to freedom of expression.

Tripadvisor's HRC 2023-2024 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. Tripadvisor opposed various state and local legislation intended to protect parental rights, girls' sports, bathroom facilities, and gendered spaces (3)(4). Tripadvisor signed an open letter in support of the Equality Act, a controversial bill (5). The company opposed various state and local legislation intended to protect parental rights, girls' sports, bathroom facilities, and gendered spaces (6)(7). Tripadvisor opposed legislation in lowa intended to protect parental rights, girls' sports, bathroom facilities, and gendered spaces (8). Tripadvisor opposed the Florida Parental Rights in Education Act, which would prohibit teaching gender identity and sexual orientation to kids in K-3rd grade (9). The company's President & CEO, Stephen Kaufer, denounced various states' legislative efforts to protect election integrity and security (10).

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

Tripadvisor's HRC 2023-2024 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 (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. Otherwise, there are no publicly known cases of Tripadvisor using corporate funds to advance ideological causes, organizations, or policies (3).

Uses corporate political actions and/or financial contributions for ideological, non-business High Risk purposes.

Tripadvisor's HRC 2023-2024 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. Tripadvisor does not operate a PAC at this time but has not used its lobbying for ideological causes (3)(4)(5).

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