





Locations: Georgia (HQ) Industries: Commercial and Professional Services RISK LEVEL:

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

By complying with Human Rights Campaignâ€<sup>™</sup>s controversial demands, Equifax 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. Equifax 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. Equifax has donated to Planned Parenthood. For these reasons, Equifax receives a Medium Risk rating.

### **Corporate Weaponization**

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

Equifax 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.

Equifax will not match employee donations to churches or religious organizations1).

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

Equifax'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 (1)(2). The company 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.

Equifax'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 ( $\underline{1}$ )( $\underline{2}$ ). By doing so, the company risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders.

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

Equifax'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 (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. The company has donated to Planned Parenthood ( $\underline{3}$ ).

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

**High Risk** 

Equifax's HRC 2023 CEI rating indicates the company publicly advocated for controversial sex and gender ideology through local, state or federal legislation or initiatives (<u>1</u>)(<u>2</u>). By allowing a political stakeholder group to dictate operations, the company risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders. Equifax has not used its PAC donations or lobbying for ideological purposes (<u>3</u>)(<u>4</u>)(<u>5</u>).

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