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## Fidelity National Information Services



Locations: Florida (HQ) Industries: Diversified Financials, Payment Processing, Software and Services



### **DESCRIPTION:**

Fidelity Investments scored a 100 on the 2023 Corporate Equality Index (CEI) from the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), a political stakeholder group. By complying with the HRC's controversial demands, Fidelity National Information Services (FIS), 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. FIS 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. The company is a signatory of the Business Roundtable's 2019 Statement on the Purpose of Corporation, which promotes stakeholder capitalism. FIS supports ESG within its business practices. For these reasons, FIS receives a High Risk rating.

### **Corporate Weaponization**

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

FIS received a score of 100 recruit's 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 ( $\underline{1}$ )( $\underline{2}$ ). FIS also operates a "robust" Vendor Risk Management program, by which the company vets its potential vendors for environmental impact ( $\underline{3}$ ). However, the company has not terminated business relationships due to religious beliefs or political views.

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

FIS<u>1</u>)(<u>2</u>).

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

FISindicates 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 specific benefits guide with a comprehensive explanation of transgender services funded by the company (1)(2). FIS subsidiary, Worldpay's CEO signed the CEO Action for Diversity & Inclusion pledge, which includes a commitment to promote DEI through bias education training in the workplace (3). FIS protects its employees against viewpoint discrimination (4).

## **Corporate Governance and Public Policy**

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

FISng 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. The company's CEO Stephanie Ferris is a member of the Business Roundtable and Former CEO Gary Norcross signed its 2019 Statement on the Purpose of Corporation, which promotes stakeholder capitalism over traditional obligations to shareholders and customers (3)(4). FIS supports ESG within its business practices (5).

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

FISindicates 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 (<u>1</u>)(<u>2</u>). 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.

**High Risk** 

FISindicates 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. FIS has not used its PAC donations or lobbied for ideological purposes (<u>3</u>)(<u>4</u>)(<u>5</u>).

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