

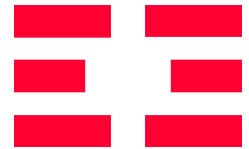


Ally Financial

Locations: Michigan (HQ)

Industries: Banks, Diversified Financials

RISK LEVEL:



High Risk

DESCRIPTION:

Ally Financial scored an 95 out of 100 on the 2023-2024 Corporate Equality Index (CEI) from the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), a political stakeholder group. By complying with the HRC's controversial demands, the company increases the risk of dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders. The company provides a benefits package for employees which covers transgender medical procedures for covered employees and dependents, including children. It also uses sex and gender ideology criteria in employee recruitment, vendor selection, marketing, and philanthropic support. Ally Financial 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 supports the Equality Act and will match donations to Planned Parenthood. Ally Financial's former CEO, Jeffrey Brown, signed the CEO Action for Diversity & Inclusion pledge, which includes a commitment to promote DEI through bias education training in the workplace. The company pledged over \$5 million to BLM and related causes and has partnered with GLAAD to promote LGBTQ businesses. Ally Financial opposed various state and local legislation intended to protect parental rights, girls' sports, bathroom facilities, and gendered spaces. The company donated to the Equality PAC. For these reasons, Ally Financial receives a High Risk rating.

Corporate Weaponization

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

Ally Financial's HRC 2023-2024 CEI rating indicates the company recruits employees based on sexual identity. The company discriminates against vendors that do not promote divisive sex and gender policies, indicating it prioritizes sexual issues over merit (1)(2). However, Ally Financial has not publicly canceled business relationships 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

Ally Financial's HRC 2023-2024 CEI rating indicates the company will not donate to non-religious charities unless they embrace controversial sexual identity policies (1)(2). Ally Financial will not donate to, "Faith-based or religious organizations that do not have a separate 501c3 designation and do not serve the broader public regardless of religious beliefs (3).

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

Ally Financial'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). Ally Financial does not provide viewpoint protections for its employees (3)(4).

Corporate Governance and Public Policy

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

Ally Financial'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. Ally released a statement following the death of George Floyd calling for "not only racial equality but racial equity" (3). The company also signed an open letter in support of the Equality Act, a controversial bill (4). Ally Financial opposed various state and local legislation intended to protect parental rights, girls' sports, bathroom facilities, and gendered spaces (5). The company opposed legislation in Iowa intended to protect parental rights, girls' sports, bathroom facilities, and gendered spaces (6). Ally Financial opposed the Florida Parental Rights in Education Act, which would prohibit teaching gender identity and sexual orientation to kids in K-3rd grade (7). The company's former CEO, Jeffrey Brown, signed the CEO Action for Diversity & Inclusion pledge, which includes a commitment to promote DEI through bias education training in the workplace (8)(9).

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

Ally Financial'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. The company will match donations to Planned Parenthood and has partnered with the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) to promote LGBTQ businesses (3)(4). Ally Financial has pledged over \$5 million to the Black Lives Matter movement and related causes (5)(6).

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

Ally Financial'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. Ally Financial donated to the Equality PAC but has not lobbied for ideological purposes (3)(4)(5).

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