



# WordPress

Locations: California (HQ)

Industries: Website Hosting

## RISK LEVEL:



Lower Risk

### DESCRIPTION:

WordPress, a web-hosting and site-building software, edited a user's blog posts for "deadnaming" transgender individuals, though the redaction of the name used was due to a privacy issue. However, the company has since updated its Terms of Service and reiterated its commitment to free speech. WordPress does not publish a nondiscrimination policy. However, the company has not used its reputation or corporate funds for ideological purposes. For these reasons, WordPress receives a Lower 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.** **Medium Risk**

*In 2018, WordPress edited a user's blog that "published the former name" of a transgender individual and thus violated the company's Terms of Service, which included the dissemination of someone else's private details (including gender identity) as a removable offense (1). The redaction of this name was allegedly privacy-related, and the company has since updated its Terms of Service (2). The WordPress Terms of Service guidelines reiterate the company's commitment towards freedom of speech and political nonalignment.*

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

*WordPress does not publish charitable giving guidelines.*

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

*WordPress does not publish a nondiscrimination policy.*

### Corporate Governance and Public Policy

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

WordPress has not supported ideological causes or policies [\(1\)](#).

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

WordPress has not used corporate funds to advance ideological causes, organizations, or policies [\(1\)](#).

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

**N/A**

WordPress does not operate a PAC or engage in lobbying at this time [\(1\)](#)[\(2\)](#)[\(3\)](#).

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