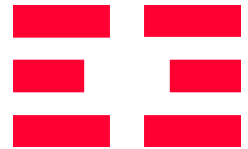




Air Products

Locations: Pennsylvania (HQ)
Industries: Materials

RISK LEVEL:



High Risk

DESCRIPTION:

Air Products scored a 95 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, Air Products 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. Air Products 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. Air Products is a copper sponsor of Out & Equal and a corporate donor of AIChE's LGBTQ+ campaign. The company's CEO signed the CEO Action for Diversity and Inclusion pledge and supports the Equality Act. For these reasons, Air Products and Chemicals receives a High 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**

Air Products received a score of 95 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). However, Air Products has not publicly terminated business relationships due to religious beliefs or political views.

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

Air Products' versus sexual identity policies (1)(2).

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

Air Products' 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). Air Products CEO signed the CEO Action for Diversity & Inclusion pledge, which includes a commitment to promote DEI through bias education training in the workplace (3)(4). The company does not provide viewpoint protections for its employees (5).

Corporate Governance and Public Policy

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

Air Products' 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 supports the Equality Act (3).

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

Air Products' 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. Air Products was "the first corporate donor to the AIChE Foundation's recently established LGBTQ+ & Allies Endowment campaign, which seeks to raise \$250K to underwrite a slate of activities aimed at advancing the inclusivity of the profession by amplifying the contributions of LGBTQ+ chemical engineers and their allies within the AIChE community" (3). Air Products is a copper sponsor of Out & Equal (4).

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

Air Products' HRC 2023 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. Air Products has not used its PAC donations or lobbied for ideological purposes (3)(4)(5).

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