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Subsidiaries: Urban Outfitters, Anthropologie, Free People, FP Movement,

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Locations: Pennsylvania (HQ)

Industries: Retailing



RISK LEVEL:

High Risk

DESCRIPTION:

Urban Outfitters scored a 100 on the 2023 Corporate Equality Index (CEI) from the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), a political stakeholder group. By complying with Human Rights Campaign's controversial demands, Urban Outfitters 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. Urban Outfitters 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. Urban Outfitters provides a benefits package for employees which covers travel/lodging costs for an abortion and transgender medical procedures for covered employees and dependents, including children. The company does not provide protections against viewpoint discrimination. However, it has not publicly terminated business relationships based on religious beliefs or political views. It has also partnered with GLSEN and opposed state-level election security laws. For these reasons, Urban Outfitters 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.

Urban Outfitters received a score of 100 on the 2023 Corporate 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)(3). However, it has not publicly terminated business relationships based on 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.

Urban Outfitters HRC CEI rating indicates the company will not donate to non-religious charities unless they embrace controversial sexual identity policies (1)(2)(3).

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

Urban Outfitters 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 specific benefits guide with a comprehensive explanation of transgender services funded by the company $(\underline{1})(\underline{2})(\underline{3})$. Urban Outfitters does not provide protections against viewpoint discrimination $(\underline{4})$.

Corporate Governance and Public Policy

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

Urban Outfitters is a member of the Civic Alliance, a corporate coalition that vocally opposes state-level election security laws (1). The company also "partners" with GLSEN, albeit among many other non-ideological organizations (2). Urban Outfitters 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 (3)(4)(5). 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.

1)(2)(3)(4)(5). The company'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 (6)(7). By allowing a political stakeholder group to dictate operations, the company increases health care costs and risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders (8). The company pledged over \$100,000 plus tripled employee donations to Black Lives Matter-related organizations (9).

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

High Risk

Urban Outfitters HRC 2023 CEI rating indicates the company publicly advocated for controversial sex and gender ideology through local, state or federal legislation or initiatives ($\underline{1}$)($\underline{2}$)($\underline{3}$). By allowing a political stakeholder group to dictate operations, the company risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders. Urban Outfitters does not operate a PAC or report on its lobbying at this time ($\underline{4}$)($\underline{5}$)($\underline{6}$).

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