



# **Impossible Foods**

Locations: California (HQ)

Industries: Food Beverage and Tobacco



### **DESCRIPTION:**

Impossible Foods 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, Impossible Foods 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. Impossible Foods 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. Impossible Foods does not provide protections against viewpoint discrimination. The company 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. However, Impossible Foods has not publicly terminated business relationships due to views or beliefs. Among various examples of corporate activism, Impossible Foods supports the Equality Act. For these reasons, Impossible Foods 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** 

Impossible Foods 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, Impossible Foods has not publicly terminated business relationships due to views or beliefs.

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

Impossible Foods 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.

Impossible Foods 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  $(\underline{1})(\underline{2})(\underline{3})$ . Impossible Foods4).

## **Corporate Governance and Public Policy**

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

Impossible Foods 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 (1)(2)(3). By doing so, the company risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders. 4). Impossible Foods is also a vocal advocate of Pride Month has and linked the HRC, GLAAD, and GLSEN as resources on its Pride page (5)(6). The company has endorsed the Black Lives Matter organization (7). Impossible Food's CEO Patrick O. Brown is a signatory of CEOs For Gun Safety (8).

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

Impossible Foods 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 (1)(2)(3)(4). Impossible Foods 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 (5)(6). By allowing a political stakeholder group to dictate operations, the company increases health care costs and risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders (7). The company maintains "partnerships" (i.e., direct grant-making of food products) with Colin Kaepernick's Know Your Rights Camp and Black Lives Matter (8)(9)(10).

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

High Risk

Impossible Foods 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. Impossible Foods does not operate a PAC or report on its lobbying at this time  $(\underline{4})(\underline{5})(\underline{6})$ .

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