



## Host Hotels & Resorts Locations: Maryland (HQ)

Industries: Consumer Services



#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Host Hotels & Resorts (Host Hotels) scored a 60 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, Host Hotels increases the risk of dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders. The company covers transgender-related medical costs for its employees. It also uses sex and gender ideology criteria in employee recruitment, vendor selection, marketing, and philanthropic support. Host Hotels uses its reputation, corporate funds, and political influence to support controversial sex and gender ideologies, organizations, and legislation. Host Hotels does not provide viewpoint protections for its employees. However, Host Hotels has not publicly fired customers, suppliers, or vendors based on political views or religious beliefs. Host Hotels has supported the Equality Act and funded LGBTQ advocacy groups. For these reasons, Host Hotels 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.

Host Hotels received a score of 60 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, Host Hotels has not publicly fired customers, suppliers, or vendors based on political views or religious beliefs.

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

Host Hotels (<u>1</u>)(<u>2</u>)(<u>3</u>).

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

Host Hotels does not provide viewpoint protections for its employees (1).

### **Corporate Governance and Public Policy**



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

Host Hotels' 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. The company is a member of the Business Coalition for the Equality Act (4). Host Hotel's CEO signed the CEO Action for Diversity & Inclusion pledge, which includes a commitment to promote DEI through bias education training in the workplace (5)(6).

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

Host Hotels' 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)(3). By allowing a political stakeholder group to dictate operations, the company increases health care costs and risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders. Host Hotels funds the National LGBTQ Task Force, an advocacy and organizing group that has engaged in advocacy for legislation regarding youths under the age of 18 ( $\frac{4}{5}$ )( $\frac{6}{5}$ ).

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

High Risk

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

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