



# **Del Monte Foods**

Locations: California (HQ)

Industries: Food Beverage and Tobacco



#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Del Monte 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, Del Monte 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. Del Monte 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. Del Monte does not publish a nondiscrimination policy. However, it has not publicly fired customers, suppliers, or vendors based on political views or religious beliefs. The company signed an open letter in support of the Equality Act and previously donated to a Planned Parenthood facility. For these reasons, Del Monte Foods receives a High Risk rating.

## **Corporate Weaponization**

**Medium Risk** 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.

Del Monte received a score of 1002023 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). However, Del Monte 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.

Del Monte's HRC CEI rating indicates the company will not donate to non-religious charities unless they embrace controversial sexual identity policies (1)(2).

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

**High Risk** 

Del Monteindicates 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). Del Monte does not publish a nondiscrimination policy (3).



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

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

Del Monteng indicates the company agrees to allow a controversial stakeholder group focused on sexual identity issues to dictate marketing or advertising strategy ( $\underline{1}$ )( $\underline{2}$ ). By doing so, the company risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders. Del Monte signed an open letter in support of the Equality Act (3).

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

Del Monteindicates 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. Del Monte has previously matched gifts to a local Planned Parenthood facility (3).

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

High Risk

Del Monteindicates 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 customers3(4). Del Monte does not report on its lobbying at this time (5).

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