



**Avis Budget Group** 

Subsidiaries: Payless Car Rental Locations: New Jersey (HQ) Industries: Transportation



#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Avis vets vendors according to LGBTQ policies and does not provide its employees with protections against viewpoint discrimination, though the company has not publicly terminated business relationships based on views or beliefs. The company covers transgender-related medical costs for its employees and their children. Avis discriminates against religious charities, and the company ended its discount for NRA members in 2018. The company does not have viewpoint protections for its employees. Avis has supported the Black Lives Matter movement and endorsed GLAAD. However, Avis has not used corporate donations or PAC funding to contribute to ideological organizations. For these reasons, Avis receives a Medium 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.

Avis received a score of 50 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 (<u>1</u>)(<u>2</u>). However, Avis 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.

Avis will not match employee donations to religious organizations (<u>1</u>). In 2018, Avis also announced that it had ended its discount program for NRA members amid social pressure (<u>2</u>). The company's HRC CEI rating indicates the company will not donate to non-religious charities unless they embrace controversial sexual identity policies (<u>3</u>)(<u>4</u>).

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

Avis 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 Medium Risk of expression.

<u>1</u>). Avis also does a yearly LGBTQ Pride event in support of GLAAD (<u>2</u>).

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

Avis' 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  $(\underline{1})(\underline{2})$ . By allowing a political stakeholder group to dictate operations, the company increases health care costs and risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders.

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

Lower Risk

The Avis Budget Group PAC has been largely inactive for several years (<u>1</u>). However, donations in previous election cycles show a pattern of bipartisan giving in accordance with business interests (<u>2</u>).

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