

## **Jackson Financial**



Locations: Michigan (HQ) Industries: Diversified Financials



#### **DESCRIPTION:**

By complying with the HRCâ€<sup>™</sup>s controversial demands, Jackson Financial 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. Jackson Financial uses its reputation, corporate funds, and political influence to support controversial sex and gender ideologies, organizations, and legislation. Jackson Financial does not provide its employees with protections against viewpoint discrimination. However, it has not publicly terminated business relationships based on views or beliefs. Jackson Financial pledged \$450,000 to the Black Lives Matter movement and related causes. For these reasons, Jackson Financial 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.

Jackson Financial received a score of 70 on the 2023 Corporate Equality Index (CEI) from the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), a political stakeholder group (<u>1</u>). 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 (<u>2</u>). However, Jackson

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

(<u>1</u>)(<u>2</u>).

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

Jackson Financial 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.

Jackson Financial's 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 ( $\underline{1}$ )( $\underline{2}$ ). 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.

Jackson Financial'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 (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. Jackson Financial has pledged \$450,000 to the Black Lives Matter movement and related causes, including the Urban League (3)(4).

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

**High Risk** 

Jackson Financial's HRC 2023 CEI rating indicates the company publicly advocated for controversial sex and gender ideology through local, state or federal legislation or initiatives ( $\underline{1}$ )( $\underline{2}$ ). By allowing a political stakeholder group to dictate operations, the company risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders ( $\underline{3}$ )( $\underline{4}$ ).

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