



Zoetis

Locations: New Jersey (HQ)

Industries: Pharmaceuticals Biotechnology and Life Sciences



RISK LEVEL:

High Risk

DESCRIPTION:

Zoetis scored a 100 out of 100 on the 2023-2024 Corporate Equality Index (CEI) from the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), a political stakeholder group. By complying with the HRC's controversial demands, Zoetis increases the risk of dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders. The company provides a benefits package for employees which covers transgender medical procedures for covered employees and dependents, including children. It also uses sex and gender ideology criteria in employee recruitment, vendor selection, marketing, and philanthropic support. Zoetis 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. Zoetis CEO signed Catalyst's Champions for Change pledge. The company is a signatory of the Gender & Diversity KPI Alliance, appearing to prioritize diversity over merit in its business structure through the establishment of gender and racial targets for its leadership composition and its support of DEI in its hiring and promotions. Zoetis supports the Equality Act and its CEO signed the CEO Action for Diversity and Inclusion pledge. The company's CEO is a member of the Business Roundtable and is a corporate partner of the National LGBT Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC). For these reasons, Zoetis receives a High Risk rating.

Corporate Weaponization

Has canceled customers, suppliers, or vendors due to their political views or religious beliefs OR Medium Risk corporately boycotts, divests, or sanctions regions, people groups, or industries.

Zoetis received a score of 100 on the 2023-2024 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, Zoetis has not canceled customers, suppliers, or vendors based on political views or religious beliefs.

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

High Risk

Zoetis' HRC 2023-2024 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 viewpoint or other discrimination and/or are ideological in nature.

High Risk



Zoetis' HRC 2023-2024 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 a specific benefits guide with a comprehensive explanation of transgender services funded by the company (1)(2)(3). Zoetis CEO Kristin Peck signed Catalyst's Champions for Change pledge, indicating its support of DEI in its leadership composition through the establishment of gender and racial targets (4)(5). The company's CEO signed the CEO Action for Diversity & Inclusion pledge, which includes a commitment to promote DEI through bias education training in the workplace (6). Zoetis is a signatory of the Gender & Diversity KPI Alliance, appearing to prioritize diversity over merit in its business structure through the establishment of gender and racial targets for its leadership composition and its support of DEI in its hiring and promotions (7)(8).

Corporate Governance and Public Policy

Uses corporate reputation to support causes, organizations, or policies hostile to freedom of expression.

Zoetis' HRC 2023-2024 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. Zoetis signed an open letter in support of the Equality Act, a controversial bill (4). Zoetis' CEO is a member of the Business Roundtable but has not supported ideological initiatives (5).

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

Zoetis' HRC 2023-2024 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. Zoetis is a corporate partner of the NGLCC (4).

Uses corporate political actions and/or financial contributions for ideological, non-business High Risk purposes.

Zoetis' HRC 2023-2024 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. Zoetis has not used its PAC donations or lobbying for ideological purposes ($\underline{4}$)($\underline{5}$)($\underline{6}$).

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