



Brighthouse Financial

Locations: North Carolina (HQ)

Industries: Insurance

RISK LEVEL:



High Risk

DESCRIPTION:

Brighthouse Financial scored an 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, Brighthouse 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. Brighthouse Financial 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. Brighthouse Financial pledged \$800,000 to "organizations advancing racial equity". The company has mandatory diversity and inclusion trainings and is a corporate partner of the National LGBT Chamber of Commerce. Brighthouse Financial is a member of the MCCA, indicating its focus on recruiting, retaining, and promoting employees based on race. For these reasons, Brighthouse Financial receives a High Risk rating.

Corporate Weaponization

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. **Medium Risk**

Brighthouse Financial received a score of 100 on the 2023 Corporate Equality Index (CEI) from the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), a political stakeholder group. The company recruits its 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, it has not publicly terminated business relationships due to religious beliefs or political views.

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

Brighthouse Financial's 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**

Brighthouse Financial 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). Brighthouse

Financial⁽³⁾. The company does not provide viewpoint protections for its employees ⁽⁴⁾.

Corporate Governance and Public Policy

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

Brighthouse Financial^{ng} indicates the company agrees to allow a controversial stakeholder group focused on sexual identity issues to dictate marketing or advertising strategy ⁽¹⁾⁽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 of expression. High Risk

Brighthouse Financial^{ng} 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. Brighthouse Financial pledged up to \$800,000 to "support COVID-19 relief and organizations advancing racial equity" ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾. The company is a corporate partner of the National LGBT Chamber of Commerce ⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾. Brighthouse Financial is a member of the MCCA, indicating its focus on recruiting, retaining, and promoting employees based on race ⁽⁷⁾⁽⁸⁾.

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

Brighthouse Financial^{ng} indicates 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 customers and harming shareholders. Brighthouse Financial does not operate a PAC at this time and has not lobbied for ideological purposes ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾.

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