



Seventh Generation

Locations: Vermont (HQ)

Industries: Household and Personal Products



DESCRIPTION:

Seventh Generation is High Risk. The company yields to political activism in shaping corporate governance, potentially alienating consumers, dividing employees, and harming shareholders. The company implements race and identity-based policies that replace merit, excellence, and integrity with preferential treatment and outcomes. Seventh Generation embraces corporate initiatives that redirect its central focus from business goals to partisan policies and divisive issues. This approach fails to safeguard free exercise, free speech, and free enterprise.

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.

Unilever, the parent company of Seventh Generation, received a score of 100 on the 2025 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). Seventh Generation has not publicly canceled customers, suppliers, or vendors based on political views or religious beliefs (3).

Charitable giving (including employee matching programs) policies or practices discriminate

High Risk against charitable organizations based on views or religious beliefs.

Unilever's HRC 2025 CEI rating indicates the company will not donate to non-religious charities unless they embrace controversial sexual identity policies (1)(2). Seventh Generation does not discriminate against charitable organizations based on views or beliefs (3).

Employment policies fail to protect against viewpoint or other discrimination and/or are ideological in nature.

High Risk

Unilever's HRC 2025 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). Seventh Generation protects its employees against viewpoint discrimination (3).



Corporate Governance and Public Policy

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

Unilever's HRC 2025 CEI rating indicates the company agrees to allow a controversial stakeholder group focused on sexual identity issues to dictate marketing or advertising strategy. By doing so, the company risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders (1)(2). Seventh Generation has opposed laws bolstering election security by publicly denouncing Georgia's 2021 law and joining the Civic Alliance (3)(4). It is a Ceres Network Member, committed to carbon neutrality by 2040 (5)(6)(7). The company has posted blog posts on its website in support of Planned Parenthood (8). The company has also posted blog posts advocating for ACLU and Black Lives Matter causes and suggested that "defunding the police" might be an impactful solution (9). It is a member of the "Don't Ban Equality" business coalition, which advocates against any abortion restrictions because they are "bad for business" (10). Its CEO, Joey Bergstein, denounced various states' legislative efforts to protect election integrity and security (11).

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Unilever's HRC 2025 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. By allowing a political stakeholder group to dictate operations, the company increases health care costs and risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders (1)(2). Otherwise, there are no publicly known cases of Seventh Generation using corporate funds to advance ideological causes, organizations, or policies (3).

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

Unilever's HRC 2025 CEI rating indicates the company publicly advocated for controversial sex and gender ideology through local, state or federal legislation or initiatives. By allowing a political stakeholder group to dictate operations, the company risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders (1)(2). Seventh Generation does not operate a PAC or engage in lobbying at this time (3)(4)(5).

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