

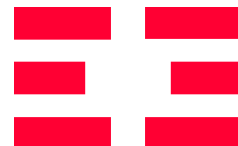


# Michelin

Locations: France (HQ)

Industries: Automobiles and Components, Transportation

RISK LEVEL:



High Risk

## DESCRIPTION:

By complying with the HRC's controversial demands, Michelin 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. Michelin 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. Michelin has not publicly terminated business relationships based on views or beliefs. Michelin has signed a Human Rights Campaign amicus brief in favor of sexual orientation and gender identity federal protections. Michelin's CEO signed the CEO Action for Diversity & Inclusion pledge and committed to being carbon neutral by 2050. However, Michelin does provide viewpoint protections for its employees. For these reasons, Michelin 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**

*Michelin received a score of 95 on the 2023 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). However, Michelin 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 against charitable organizations based on views or religious beliefs. High Risk**

*Michelin's HRC CEI rating indicates the company will not donate to non-religious charities unless they embrace controversial sexual identity policies (1)(2)(3)(4).*

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

*Michelin's HRC 2023 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). Michelin protects its employees against viewpoint discrimination (3).*

## Corporate Governance and Public Policy

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

Michelin'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 (1)(2). By doing so, the company risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders. Michelin North America signed an amicus brief coordinated by the Human Rights Campaign in favor of supporting gender identity and sexual orientation protections (3). Michelin has made commitments to reach carbon neutrality by 2050, though this pledge may be in response to French government action (4). Michelin's CEO signed the CEO Action for Diversity & Inclusion pledge, which includes a commitment to promote DEI through bias education training in the workplace (5)

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

Michelin'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.

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

Michelin's HRC 2023 CEI rating 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. Michelin does not operate a PAC at this time and has not lobbied for ideological purposes (3)(4).

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