



## **ABB**

Locations: North Carolina (HQ), Switzerland Industries: Technology Hardware and Equipment



## **DESCRIPTION:**

ABB 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. ABB 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.

ABB received a score of 75 on the Corporate Equality Index from the Human Rights Campaign 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, ABB has not publicly canceled customers, suppliers, or vendors based on political views or religious beliefs.

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

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

ABB's HRC 2023-2024 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 viewpoint or other discrimination and/or are High Risk ideological in nature.

ABB's 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 (1)(2). ABB's chairman Peter Voser signed Catalyst's Champions for Change pledge, indicating its support of DEI in its leadership composition through the establishment of gender and racial targets (3)(4). 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 (5)(6). The company does not provide viewpoint protections for its employees (7).



## **Corporate Governance and Public Policy**

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

ABB's 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). By doing so, the company risks dividing employees, alienating customers, and harming shareholders. ABB signed an open letter in support of the Equality Act, a controversial bill (3).

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

ABB's HRC 2023-2024 CEI rating indicates the company partially covers transgender related costs for its employees and their children, which could include 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. ABB has partnered with Stonewall, an LGBT advocacy group that has campaigned on behalf of progressive gender ideology (3).

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

ABB's HRC 2023-2024 CEI rating indicates the company publicly advocated for controversial sex and gender ideology through local, state or federal legislation or initiatives ( $\underline{1}$ )( $\underline{2}$ ). By allowing a political stakeholder group to dictate operations, the company risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders. ABB has not used its PAC donations for ideological purposes but has not reported on its lobbying at this time ( $\underline{3}$ )( $\underline{4}$ )( $\underline{5}$ ).

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