



CenterPoint Energy

Locations: Texas (HQ)
Industries: Utilities

RISK LEVEL:



Medium Risk

DESCRIPTION:

CenterPoint Energy often 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. CenterPoint Energy occasionally embraces corporate initiatives that redirect its central focus from business goals to partisan policies and divisive issues at times. This approach fails to safeguard free exercise, free speech, and free enterprise.

Corporate Weaponization

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

CenterPoint Energy's HRC 2025 CEI rating indicates the company will not donate to non-religious charities unless they embrace controversial sexual identity policies [\(1\)](#)[\(2\)](#). CenterPoint Energy's charitable giving guidelines require that organizations abide by its nondiscrimination policy, including on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity, thereby excluding some religious charities [\(3\)](#). The company likely uses Benevity as its charitable giving platform. Benevity vets charities according to the Southern Poverty Law Center's Hate List, which includes mainstream libertarian, conservative, family, and religious advocacy organizations [\(4\)](#)[\(5\)](#)[\(6\)](#).

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

CenterPoint Energy does not provide viewpoint protections for its employees [\(1\)](#). The company offers optional unconscious bias trainings [\(2\)](#).

Corporate Governance and Public Policy

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

CenterPoint Energy has committed to being carbon neutral by 2035 [\(3\)](#).

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

CenterPoint Energy is a corporate partner of the National LGBT Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC) ([1](#)).

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

CenterPoint Energy has not used its PAC donations or lobbying for ideological purposes ([1](#))([2](#))([3](#)).

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