



Cava

Locations: Washington D.C. (HQ) Industries: Food Beverage and Tobacco



DESCRIPTION:

Cava, which is a restaurant chain, vets vendors according to LGBTQ policies and does not protect its employees against viewpoint discrimination. However, it has not publicly terminated business relationships based on views or beliefs. The company has not used its corporate reputation or funds to advance ideological agendas. Cava did fund an LGBTQ youth organization. For these reasons, Cava receives a Medium Risk rating.

Corporate Weaponization

Has denied service to customers, suppliers, or vendors due to their political views or religious Medium Risk beliefs OR corporately boycotts, divests, or sanctions regions, people groups, or industries.

CAVA has a written policy pledging to vet vendors for LGBTQ policies. Its Code of Conduct applies to all suppliers and includes a commitment to not discriminate on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation (<u>1</u>). Cava 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 N/A against charitable organizations based on views or religious beliefs.

Cava does not publish charitable giving guidelines $(\underline{1})$.

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

Cava does not provide viewpoint protections for its employees $(\underline{1})(\underline{2})$.

Corporate Governance and Public Policy

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

<u>1</u>).



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

During Pride Month, Cava used its corporate funds to advance True Colors United, an LGBTQ organization focusing on LGBTQ identities and problems among youth (<u>1</u>).

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

N/A

Cava does not operate a PAC at this time $(\underline{1})$.

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