

## Allspring Allspring Global Investments

Locations: North Carolina (HQ) Industries: Diversified Financials

### **RISK LEVEL:**



#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Allspring Global Investments 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. Allspring 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**

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.

Allspring has instituted ESG screening policies for potential investments to de-incentivize investment in a variety of industries, including fossil fuels (<u>1</u>). The company is a signatory of the Principles for Responsible Investment, incorporating ESG issues into investment analysis, decision-making, and other business practices (<u>2</u>)(<u>3</u>). However, Allspring has not publicly canceled business relationships 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.

Allspring does not publish charitable giving guidelines.

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

Allspring does not provide viewpoint protections for its employees (1).

### **Corporate Governance and Public Policy**

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

Allspring supports ESG within its business practices. The company integrates ESG into its investment selection process, ranking



potential funds based on adherence to ESG-related goals such as climate advocacy and diversity (<u>1</u>)(<u>2</u>). Allspring has committed to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, including social and climate advocacy (<u>3</u>). The company is a member of Climate Action 100+, committed to carbon neutrality by 2050 (<u>4</u>). Allspring is a member of Ceres Network, which aim to encourage similar adherence to ESG goals in the finance industry (<u>5</u>). The company's CEO, Joseph A. Sullivan, signed the CEO Action for Diversity & Inclusion pledge, which includes a commitment to promote DEI through bias education training in the workplace (<u>6</u>)(<u>7</u>).

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

Allspring has not used corporate funds to advance ideological causes, organizations, or policies (1).

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

Allspring does not operate a PAC or engage in lobbying at this time (1)(2)(3).

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