



Costco Wholesale

Locations: Washington (HQ)

Industries: Food and Staples Retailing, Retailing

RISK LEVEL:



Lower Risk

DESCRIPTION:

Costco decided to stay out of politics and has thus avoided the weaponization of its corporate influence for political purposes. Costco does not support or fund ideological groups hostile to free expression, and the company protects its employees from all forms of viewpoint discrimination. For these reasons, Costco receives a "Lower 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. Lower Risk

Costco has not publicly fired customers, suppliers, or vendors based on political or religious beliefs.

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

[1](#)).

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

Costco's employment policy protects against many forms of discrimination, including religious and political ideology ([1](#)).

Corporate Governance and Public Policy

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

Costco has not publicly used its corporate reputation to advance ideological causes, organizations, or policies.

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

There are no known instances of Costco funding ideological groups hostile to freedom of expression [\(1\)](#). Senate Democrats have put pressure on Costco to carry abortion pills, though the company has resisted [\(2\)](#).

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

Lower Risk

Costco does not make political donations to candidates or causes and has the policy to stay out of politics in general [\(1\)](#).

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