



# Costco Wholesale

Locations: Washington (HQ)

Industries: Food and Staples Retailing, Retailing

RISK LEVEL:



Lower Risk

## DESCRIPTION:

Costco is uninvolved in 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.

Medium Risk

Costco has a written policy pledging to vet vendors for LGBTQ policies ([1](#)).

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 protects its employees against viewpoint discrimination ([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 supported ideological causes or policies.

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

Lower Risk

Costco has not used corporate funds to advance ideological causes, organizations, or policies [\(1\)](#). Senate Democrats have put pressure on Costco to carry abortion pills, though the company has resisted [\(2\)](#).

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

**Lower Risk**

Costco does not operate a PAC at this time. Costco has not made political donations to candidates or causes and has a policy to remain removed from politics [\(1\)](#)[\(2\)](#).

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