

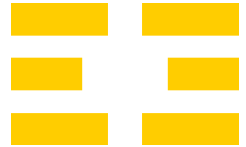


Ansys Government Initiatives (AGI)

Locations: Pennsylvania (HQ)

Industries: Commercial and Professional Services

RISK LEVEL:



Medium Risk

DESCRIPTION:

Ansys 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. Ansys 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 corporately boycotts, divests, or sanctions regions, people groups, or industries. Medium Risk

Ansys Government Initiatives received a score of 65 on the 2025 Corporate Equality Index (CEI) from the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), a political stakeholder group. The company recruits employees based on sexual identity issues. The company discriminates against vendors that do not promote divisive sex and gender policies, indicating it prioritizes sexual issues over merit (1)(2). However, Ansys Government Initiatives has not publicly canceled customers, suppliers, or vendors based on political views or religious beliefs (1).

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

Ansys Government Initiatives does not appear to discriminate against charitable organizations based on views or beliefs (1)(2).

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

AGI has an Inclusive Leadership Program that teaches managers how to, "understand and overcome bias" (1). AGI does not provide viewpoint protections for its employees (2).

Corporate Governance and Public Policy

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

High Risk

Ansys Government Initiatives signed an open letter endorsing the Equality Act, a contentious proposal to amend the 1964 Civil Rights Act by adding sexual orientation and so-called gender identity as protected categories. The legislation would, among other implications, grant biological men access to women-only spaces such as sports teams and public restrooms, and compel healthcare providers to deliver sex-denying healthcare (1). Ansys' CEO, Ajei Gopal, signed the CEO Action for Diversity & Inclusion pledge, which includes a commitment to promote DEI through bias education training in the workplace (2)(3).

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

High Risk

Ansys Government Initiatives' HRC 2025 CEI rating indicates the company covers transgender related costs for its employees and their children, including paid short-term leave, puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, chest surgeries, genital surgeries, medical visits and lab monitoring, travel and lodging. By allowing a political stakeholder group to dictate operations, the company increases health care costs and risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders (1)(2). Ansys Government Initiatives has increased its giving to the LGBT organization oSTEM (3). The company is an Organizational Advisory Council Member of oSTEM and is a partner of the organization Pride in STEM (4)(5).

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

Lower Risk

Ansys Government Initiatives does not operate a PAC at this time and has not lobbied for ideological purposes (1)(2)(3).

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