

PROGRESSIVE

Progressive

Subsidiaries: America Strategic Insurance

Locations: Ohio (HQ) Industries: Insurance



DESCRIPTION:

Progressive is Medium Risk. The company often yields to political activism in shaping corporate governance, potentially alienating consumers, dividing employees, and harming shareholders. The company elevates merit, excellence, and integrity ahead of race and identity-based policies. Progressive 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.

Progressive received a score of 80 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 ($\underline{1}$)($\underline{2}$). However, the company has not publicly canceled customers, suppliers, or vendors based on political views or religious beliefs ($\underline{3}$)($\underline{4}$).

Charitable giving (including employee matching programs) policies or practices discriminate

High Risk against charitable organizations based on views or religious beliefs.

Progressive's HRC 2025 CEI rating indicates the company will not donate to non-religious charities unless they embrace controversial sexual identity policies ($\underline{1}$)($\underline{2}$). The company does not discriminate against charitable organizations based on views or beliefs ($\underline{3}$)($\underline{4}$).

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

In August 2023, America First Legal filed a class action lawsuit against Progressive over discriminatory practices in awarding grants to small businesses (1). Progressive's HRC 2025 CEI rating indicates the company forces employees to attend multiple, controversial trainings on gender identity, sexual orientation, transgender issues, and divisive racial ideology. The company provides gender transition guidelines for its employees and a specific benefits guide with a comprehensive explanation of transgender services funded by the company (2)(3). The company conducted unconscious bias training for its employees (4). The company does not provide viewpoint protections for its employees (5).



Corporate Governance and Public Policy

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

Progressive has also committed to public advocacy and engagement with the LGBTQ community while standing "against efforts that may prevent any person from fully participating in our democracy" right after Georgia passed its election integrity law (1)(2). CEO Tricia Griffith is a member of the Business Roundtable and signed its 2019 Statement on the Purpose of a Corporation, which promotes stakeholder capitalism over traditional obligations to shareholders (3)(4). Progressive's CEO, Tricia Griffith, signed the CEO Action for Diversity & Inclusion pledge, which includes a commitment to promote DEI through bias education training in the workplace (5)(6). The company also developed DEI user guides to support and educate its employees (7). Progressive also hosts a DEI speakers bureau to "support leaders in having in-depth conversations on DEI-related topics" (8).

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

Progressive's 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). Progressive donated to Planned Parenthood (3)(4). Otherwise, there are no publicly known cases of the company using corporate funds to advance ideological causes, organizations, or policies (5).

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

Progressive does not operate a PAC or report on its lobbying at this time (1)(2)(3).

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