

Big Business Sides With Leftists In Pushing Highly Destructive 'Equality Act'

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The country's most powerful business interests are openly collaborating with a radical advocacy group to push sweeping legislation that would set women back decades at the expense of an extreme, elite agenda. The left's historic skepticism of corporate power has morphed into a demand for more of it.

The Human Rights Campaign, an LGBT activist group with far-left interests, has assembled a coalition of the world's most powerful corporations to support the Equality Act. Scroll through the incredible [list](#) and you'll find massive corporations from Amazon to Bain to Best Buy aligned with HRC's radical mission.

The Equality Act, passed by the House on Thursday, is a deeply radical bill that [would](#) put women in danger, erode free speech and religious rights, and destroy Title IX gains for girls' sports. These claims about its potential consequences are not a cartoonish right-wing intimidation campaign — they are agreed upon by [conservatives](#) and honest [progressive, feminist](#) experts alike. Republicans and Democrats should not be intimidated by the far-left's false advertising of the bill as a commonsense measure to protect oppressed and vulnerable members of the public. There are ways to protect transgender Americans that do not involve putting women in danger while quashing free speech, girls' sports, and religious freedom.

Corporate America, along with the media, is now run by extremists who've brought radical cultural leftism from academia into the corridors of power. They now share the very same cultural priorities as far-left groups like HRC. The effect of this shared cultural consensus is that businesses use their corporate power to push radical cultural leftism on the rest of the country because the media demands and cheerleads such efforts, eliminating the risk of bad press.

The strain of elite leftism that dominates our corporate institutions operates on a firm [progressive-or-bigot binary](#), meaning even a pro-trans leftist like J.K. Rowling faces intense charges of bigotry because she's skeptical of extreme aspects of the trans agenda. That means baby boomer bosses are intimidated into signing onto efforts like HRC's Equality Act push and millennial executives and journalists demand it.

Because this progressive-or-bigot binary has such a chilling effect on free expression, extreme elements of the trans agenda like undermining Title IX, hormone treatments for children, and men in women's shelters are enforced without robust debate. The cost of speaking up far outweighs the benefit for most people.

As a consequence, corporate elites are rendering everyday Americans powerless, colluding to enforce new, radical cultural norms by disempowering the working class to speak up, earn scholarships, or sleep soundly in a shelter for victims of domestic violence. It's the very reason Abigail Shrier had to write ["Irreversible Damage: The Transgender Craze Seducing Our Daughters"](#) — the normalization of radical new standards for sex and gender are having dangerous real-world consequences, especially for young women.

HRC and its "Business Coalition" are proud of immense corporate power. Here's how the group describes the campaign on its website: "Launched in March 2016, the 364 member companies of HRC's Business Coalition for the Equality Act have operations in all 50 states, headquarters spanning 33 states and a combined \$6 trillion in revenue, and employ over 13.1 million people in the United States."

This is a leftist group bragging that it represents Big Business to the tune of a combined \$6 trillion in revenue and control over the livelihoods of 13 million people. This is Big Business bragging that it supports the agenda of cultural extremists.

Certainly, HRC's effort is more evidence of the [dissolving](#) marriage between economic leftists and cultural ones. Capitalists are now cultural leftists.

More importantly, however, it's evidence of an elite effort to wield corporate power over working people in the interest of an extreme cultural agenda. The Equality Act is a plaything of the elites that will disempower working people, and lawmakers should not be intimidated into believing the legislation is anything else.