

**Amazon Shareholder Meeting Question**  
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I'm Justin Danhof, of the National Center for Public Policy Research, representing my colleague at the National Center, Amy Ridenour, who is an Amazon shareholder.

Mr. Bezos, Amazon has recently come under fire from activists demanding that the company end certain associations for politically-motivated reasons. For example, last week MSNBC reported that more than 105,000 people had signed a change.org petition calling on the company to end its AmazonSmile association with the Boy Scouts of America over that group's position on openly gay leaders.<sup>i</sup> The MSNBC article also noted that Amazon relies, in part, on lists compiled by the Southern Poverty Law Center to determine which groups to work with.

In a September 2013 report, the SPLC also claimed that Amazon was allowing so-called hate groups to profit off of relationships with the company.<sup>ii</sup> In 2012, the SPLC's hate map was used by a would-be mass murderer to target the Family Research Council in Washington, D.C. And in March of this year, the Federal Bureau of Investigation broke its ties with the SPLC.<sup>iii</sup> Given this, and the SPLC's shoddy record of defining hate groups, which includes listing many traditionally conservative and religious organizations, I urge the company's leadership to dismiss the SPLC's findings, and instead, use your own resources and expertise to determine who to work with.

And on the issue of political neutrality, I also have a quick question. In early April, the CEO of Mozilla was forced out of his job because he contributed to a 2008 referendum effort defining marriage in California as between one man and one woman. This was shocking to large segments of the American population.

Some companies guarantee employees that their jobs will not be affected by outside, legal, personal political activities. For example, Coca-Cola's code of conduct states: QUOTE] "Your job will not be affected by your personal political views or your choice in political contributions." [UNQUOTE]

Does Amazon guarantee the right of its employees to, on their own time, participate legally in the political process without their jobs being affected? If not, would you consider such a guarantee?

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<sup>i</sup> <http://www.msnbc.com/msnbc/amazon-boy-scouts-of-america-anti-gay-problem>

<sup>ii</sup> <http://www.splcenter.org/get-informed/intelligence-report/browse-all-issues/2014/spring/Financing-Hate>

<sup>iii</sup> <http://dailycaller.com/2014/03/26/fbi-severs-ties-with-liberal-domestic-terrorism-inspiring-southern-poverty-law-center/>

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