

Disney Shareholder Meeting Question
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I'm Justin Danhof of the National Center for Public Policy Research. I want to talk about the company's commitment to honesty.

We filed a shareholder resolution asking the company's media platforms to tell the truth or, alternatively, to provide evidence that the company already has such a policy in place. The company responded by using shareholder money to hire a white shoe law firm to petition the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for the right to block our resolution.

Trust in the American news media is at historic lows. Spending shareholder resources to fight against a basic request for an honesty policy will only cause distrust in Disney's media to grow. And the distrust of Disney's media divisions is well-earned.

For example, ESPN has seemingly become a 24/7 anti-Trump tirade network which reached its pinnacle last fall when host Jemele Hill called President Donald Trump a white supremacist. Mr. Iger, you admitted to intervening to make sure that ESPN's leadership didn't fire her for these defamatory remarks.¹ What kind of message does that send to other company employees? Just last month, Hill again publicly declared that President Trump and his supporters are white supremacists.²

Also consider the February 13th broadcast of ABC's "The View." Co-hosts Joy Behar and Sunny Hostin – in an effort to bash Vice President Mike Pence – suggested that Christianity is "dangerous" and that faithful Christians suffer from a "mental illness."³ In response, the show's advertisers have come under tremendous pressure to sever ties with these anti-Christian bigots.

This pattern shows that the company is willing to take a reputational and financial hit, just so long as it is in service to bashing conservative or religious Americans. That's shameful.

What do you have to say to the tens of millions of Christians and President Trump supporters that your networks have so blatantly offended and ascribed hateful labels?

Specifically, do you think that having a Christian faith is akin to a dangerous mental illness? And do you believe that President Trump and his supporters are white supremacists?

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¹ <http://www.foxnews.com/entertainment/2017/10/04/disney-ceo-iger-says-didnt-fire-espns-jemele-hill-because-hasnt-experienced-racism-himself.html>

² https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/early-lead/wp/2018/02/21/espns-jemele-hill-says-she-stands-by-white-supremacist-description-of-trump/?utm_term=.66b351be4550

³ <https://www.newsbusters.org/blogs/nb/nb-staff/2018/02/19/mrc-supporters-make-25000-phone-calls-demanding-abc-apologize-attacking>