

AMC Networks Shareholder Meeting Question
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According to numerous media reports, AMC Networks may pull all of its projects from Georgia if the state implements new pro-life legislation.ⁱ And to be sure, many states are passing laws designed to protect the lives of innocents.

Let me suggest that the company should make filming decisions based on economics, not by taking sides in culture battles. And indeed, Georgia is a great environment for the film industry. Sound business, not the rants of Alyssa Milano and Amy Schumer, should dictate corporate decision making.

Culture is improved when both sides of the aisle talk to one another, and that includes corporate culture. If AMC even has pro-life individuals in leadership, their voices appear to be silenced. Perhaps the company should consider adding a touch of bipartisanship at the top to balance out its decision-making processes.

I have two questions.

First, I want to ask about the company's position on some other abortion laws.

In New York, viable babies can be killed under the nation's most extreme pro-death law that allows abortion up until the day of delivery. And in Virginia, the Commonwealth has considered legislation that, as the governor has noted, would allow babies to be murdered even after they are born. Will AMC consider pulling any current or future work from either of those states?

Also, we all just watched a clip of BBC filmmakers becoming emotional after witnessing penguins in the wild fighting to save their young, and some dying, under harsh conditions. Why can't this company have just as much passion for human life?

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ⁱ <https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/amc-exec-georgia-filming-walking-dead-abortion-bill-1217207>