

**Intuit Shareholder Meeting Question**  
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I'm Justin Danhof of the National Center for Public Policy Research and I have two quick questions.

First, earlier this month, the company announced a partnership with Project Drawdown to become “climate positive” by 2030.<sup>i</sup> Intuit claims it has already achieved so-called carbon neutrality by – among other actions – purchasing carbon offsets. Carbon offsets are meaningless. Regularly ridiculed as a way for corporations and the Hollywood elite to cleanse their guilt over production and consumption, even the far-left publication ProPublica wrote last year that: “In case after case... carbon credits hadn't offset the amount of pollution they were supposed to, or they had brought gains that were quickly reversed or that couldn't be accurately measured to begin with. Ultimately, the polluters got a guilt-free pass to keep emitting CO<sub>2</sub>, but the forest preservation that was supposed to balance the ledger either never came or didn't last.”<sup>ii</sup>

My first question is this: How much shareholder money has the company spent on these worthless offsets that amount to nothing more than green virtue-signaling?

My next question involves the company's complicity with the Human Rights Campaign and its corporate ratings charade called the Corporate Equality Index. Intuit consistently maintains a perfect score on this index. This means that the company is essentially barred from donating funds to numerous Christian and conservative charities. Intuit also accedes to HRC's demands not to oppose any shareholder resolution which HRC supports. Furthermore, Intuit must have three outward-facing events or shows of support for the LGBT community annually in order to maintain this perfect score.

To be in line so perfectly with the HRC's index is to say that the company has basically become an advocacy arm of the far left, supporting only approved liberal causes and events, and kowtowing to HRC regarding support or opposition to shareholder proposals. So my second question is this: Given that Intuit operates in lockstep with HRC's far-left, anti-religious advocacy demands, why should conservatives or Americans of faith continue to use your products and services?

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<sup>i</sup> <https://www.greenbiz.com/article/intuit-teams-project-drawdown-ambitious-climate-positive-pledge>

<sup>ii</sup> <https://features.propublica.org/brazil-carbon-offsets/inconvenient-truth-carbon-credits-dont-work-deforestation-redd-acre-cambodia/>