

Netflix Shareholder Meeting - Proposal #7 Statement
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I'm Justin Danhof of the National Center for Public Policy Research and I move Proposal #7, which seeks to increase diversity within the Netflix community. Netflix appears to be a company solely of, for, and run by liberals. Its outward-facing actions speak to that.

For example, even as buildings are looted, vehicles are torched, historic landmarks are defaced, and places of worship are desecrated, Netflix has expressed support for Black Lives Matter.ⁱ All sane people, including us at the National Center, condemn the killing of George Floyd and support black communities, but that's not what the Black Lives Matter movement stands for. According to the Capital Research Center, Black Lives Matter was founded by avowed Communists with result being that many of their actions enflame, not heal, racial tensions.ⁱⁱ It's no coincidence that Antifa anarchists are among the rioters burning down our cities today.

And Netflix's supposed support of black lives certainly doesn't extend to black babies. In 2019, in response to pro-life legislation in Georgia, Netflix suggested it would reconsider its investments in the state.ⁱⁱⁱ As everyone knows, black babies are killed by abortion at a far higher rate than any other ethnic group in America.^{iv} Netflix's posturing against pro-life measures caused backlash from Americans that support life. Does anyone at Netflix support life? Are they allowed to do so by management?

Furthermore, the company's virtue signaling to support anti-life causes is laughable. At the same time Netflix was opposing a pro-life bill here in America, you were investing \$8 billion in Egypt.^v You do know abortion is 100 percent illegal in Egypt, right?^{vi} Mr. Hastings, where are your calls to boycott Egypt?

Speaking of Mr. Hastings, if he can defend the hypocrisy of threatening Georgia with a boycott while staying silent on Egypt regarding life issues, why did he duck my question on that topic during last year's shareholder meeting?^{vii} He is certainly not shy about his extreme liberalism and desire for corporate leaders to toe the party line. While serving on the board of Facebook, he even verbally attacked fellow board member Peter Thiel over his support for President Trump.^{viii}

Given all of this, how could any conservative possibly feel welcome at Netflix? If you had adopted our proposal, that would have been a start.

We believe that diverse workforces can think more critically and deliver greater results. That's a win for investors and a win for true diversity. Please join me in voting yes on Proposal #7. Thank you.

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ⁱ <https://www.businessinsider.com/george-floyd-protests-companies-responses-actions-apple-target-mcdonalds-nike-2020-6>

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ⁱⁱⁱ <https://www.newsweek.com/anti-abortion-activists-are-boycotting-netflix-over-georgia-heartbeat-bill-stance-we-will-never-1442281>

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^v <https://egyptindependent.com/netflix-injects-8bn-production-investments-in-egypt/>

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