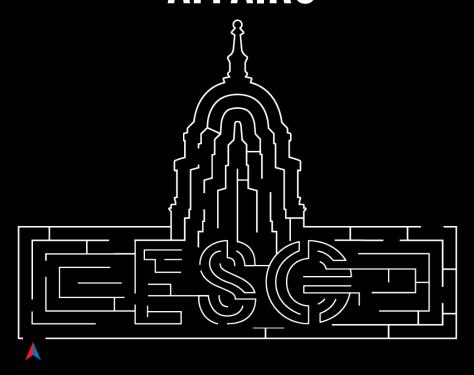
# INTEGRATING SOCIAL IMPACT & GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS





## STATE OF PLAY

#### **COURT IS NOW IN SESSION**

## The venue has shifted from the House to the Courts.

- Courts in at least six states will hear ESG-related cases this year
- Only six anti-ESG bills have passed in states this year out of 161 measures, down from 23 such laws last year
- House Finance Committee ESG Working Group report was a blip





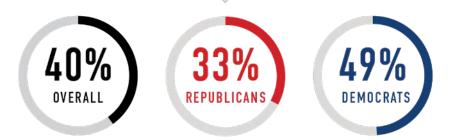
- Desantis' battle against corporate wokeism was a political loser.
- Preparations earlier this year for a Trump presidency led to greenhushing
- A Harris presidency would mean higher expectations around social impact.



## WHAT VOTERS (DON'T) KNOW

Awareness of ESG varies, with 40% overall answering they were "Aware" or "Very aware" in our survey, but understanding is low.

"To what extent are you aware of Environmental, Social, and Governance issues." Percent answering "Very aware/Aware"



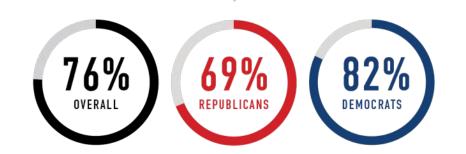
## WHY THEY SHOULD KNOW

Social impact and ESG reports should be more than just a box checked for organizations, it should serve as an opportunity to:

- Create key relationships
- Enhance your brand reputation
- Prepare for crisis management and risk mitigation
- Increase customer engagement

#### **AGREE**

"Companies should be held accountable to make a positive impact on the communities in which they operate."

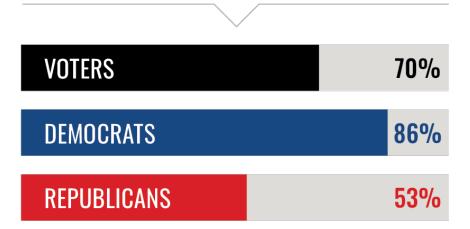


## **WHAT VOTERS WANT**

Voters want corporations to better society, particularly as it relates to climate.

## AGREE Companies should

Companies should address environmental issues.



## **VOTERS WANT COMPANIES TO STAY ON TOPIC...**

Corporations are releasing statements and taking sides on controversial political issues like the Middle East, LGBTQ+ issues and gun rights.

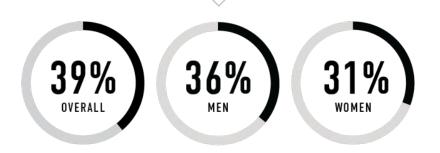
Voters believe they should comment only when it's directly related to their lines of business.

#### **AGREE**

"I want the companies I purchase products from to speak out on social issues that aren't related to their products or services."

#### **AGREE**

"I want my employer to speak out on social issues that aren't related to the products or services my employer sells."

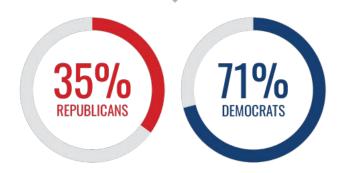




The business case for DEI is polarizing; the social case less so.

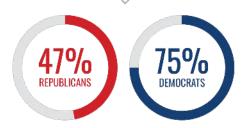
#### **AGREE**

For companies, having a diverse workforce is important to their financial success.



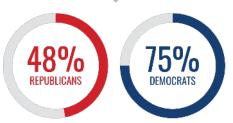
#### AGREE

For companies, having a diverse workforce is important for addressing social inequality.



#### **AGREE**

For companies, having a diverse workforce is important to advancing the well-being of their employees.

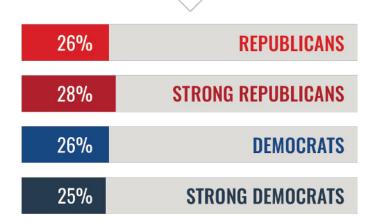


Preferences for kinds of DEI programs are similar across party lines

- Equity in compensation-26%
- Leadership training on DEI-12%
- Recruit from a broader talent base 10%
- Process and training aimed at reducing bias in hiring-9%
- Process and training aimed at reducing bias in promotion decisions-8%
- Inclusive benefits -7%
- Build diverse teams-7%
- Mentoring for underrepresented minority employees-6%
- Set race goals for new hires-5%, C-suite-2%, whole org 7%

#### **AGREE**

Equity in compensation is the most important corporate effort to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion within organizations.

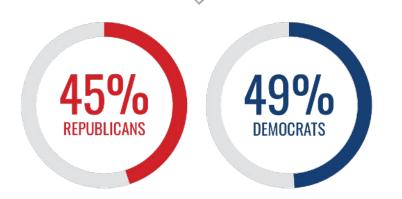




Skepticism around corporate DEI programs is sizable on both sides of the aisle.

## **AGREE**

Companies' DEI commitments are for show and do not result in increased diversity.





- Contingency plan
- Stay true to values
- Focus on areas of bipartisan support









#### **Opinion editorials**

- Leverage unique voices to storytell
- Go beyond the numbers to craft meaningful thought pieces on the impact of the organization's actions

#### Blog posts

Craft insightful blogs that can be understood by laypersons









The New York Times



#### Earned media

Engage with the media to boost your organization's **AXIOS** position



### **Pitching**

Research relevant news stories to insert your organization's voice into the conversation



#### Media intelligence

Monitoring how the media is interacting with similar issues







### • Digital advertising

- Use data to target key policymakers and stakeholders
- Boost social content and amplify your organic online engagement

#### Social media

- Map relevant online stakeholders and creating editorial content calendars for social channels
- Design content to reach your target audience



10% Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) by end of 2030

Committed to 200M gallons of SAF offtakes securing a total of 50% of our 2030 SAF goal





Electrify 50% of our eligible Ground Service Equipment (GSE) fleet by 2025

Retired and replaced over 650 pieces of equipment with electrified GSE and achieved 25% electrification of GSE

\$1 billion investment through 2030

\$116M in offsets purchased to cover travel and tickets





Community Impact

50% industrial sites are water posi





#### WE ARE INCLUSIVE



26% women representation across STEM functions





#### Detween 2019 and 2035

Over 10 million gallons of fuel saved through enhanced wingle installations for drag reduction weight reduction initiatives and routing/speed optimizations

Delta Sky Clubs have eliminar pre-packaging for most food and aim to use biodegradable recyclable packaging options feasible. Our Minneapolis-Sa of Corp. Paul, Seattle-Tacoma and Sar Francisco International Airpo clubs aim to be zero waste, defined as 90% landfill diversion. These clubs recycle, compost and provide

reusable food service items.



81%

of cotton sourced from more sustainable sources





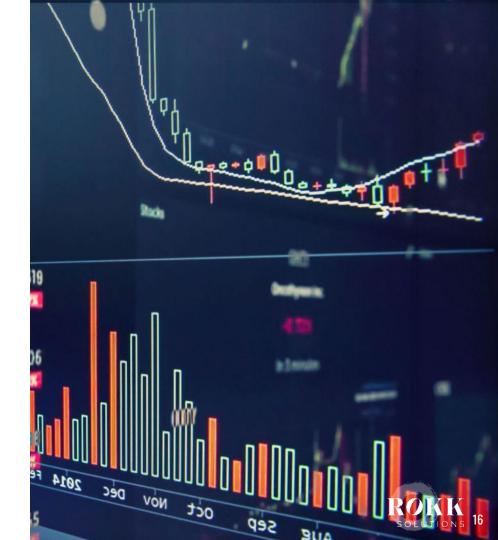
- Multi-channel toolkit to highlight outcomes not outputs
  - Advocacy letters and testimonials
  - Digestible fact sheets/FAQs
  - Infographics, memos
  - Talking points
  - Press statements
  - Sample op-eds

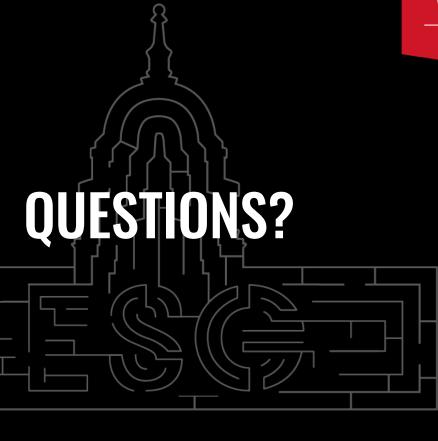


## MAKE THE BUSINESS CASE

Voters understand the link between the environment and their wallets. The same is not true when it comes to DEI.

- Demonstrate to policymakers how your ESGrelated efforts positively impact their constituents — whether through shareholder returns or societal improvements.
- Show investors the connection between your initiatives and ESG and value creation.
- Convey your social impact to voters based on your materiality self-assessment and the impact you've had in your priority areas.







I believe companies should be doing more to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion within their organization.

## DEMOCRATS 65% REPUBLICANS 29%

I believe companies are doing enough to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion within their organization.

# DEMOCRATS 22% REPUBLICANS 36%

I believe companies are doing too much to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion within their organization.

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DEMOCRATS
14%
REPUBLICANS
35%
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Preference for corporate freedom to pursue DEI as they wish remains high.

### **AGREE**

Companies should be able to formulate and implement DEI initiatives without oversight from elected officials.

