

# Johnson & Johnson Gave \$22,500 To The Sedition Caucus After Its CEO Called The Insurrection An "Assault" On Democracy And The Company Paused Political Contributions

**SUMMARY:** So far in 2021, Johnson & Johnson has given \$22,500 to the Sedition Caucus, even after its CEO called the insurrection on January 6, 2021 an "[assault](#)" on "[free, fair and peaceful elections](#)." The company declared that the riot "[sought to undermine the very fabric of our democracy](#)" as it paused its political giving.

An Accountable.US review has found additional information that further complicates Johnson & Johnson's contributions to the anti-democratic lawmakers who sought to overturn the 2020 election:

- Johnson & Johnson CEO Alex Gorsky joined a conference of major CEOs to discuss "[what to do if Trump refuses to leave office](#)"—they considered pressuring Republican lawmakers who sought to overturn the Electoral College results.
- Following the deadly "Unite the Right" rally in 2017, CEO Alex Gorsky [stepped down](#) from a White House Advisory Council and strongly rebuked Trump for equating white supremacists with their counterprotesters —the Associated Press later called the Capitol insurrection the "[culmination](#)" of Trump-era white supremacist displays, particularly the "Unite the Right" rally that Gorsky condemned.
- CEO Alex Gorsky is on [the board](#) of the Business Roundtable, which states that "America's economic model" is "[based on freedom, liberty and other enduring principles of our democracy](#)." Gorsky also led the group's effort to redefine a corporation's purpose to [prioritize social issues](#) over short-term profit.
- Johnson & Johnson [signed](#) a major statement in opposition to [state voter suppression laws](#) that Republicans advanced after Trump's 2020 loss although the company has [disclosed membership](#) in the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, known for its "[fierce opposition](#)" to major voting rights reform legislation.
- Johnson & Johnson claims that it [recognizes](#) the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which [emphasizes democratic rights](#). The company is also a [signatory](#) of the United Nations' Global Compact, which [guides](#) companies on respecting the rule of law—and even highlights a case example of a company helping to prevent "violence" and "[promote stability during elections](#)."

**Johnson & Johnson Gave \$22,500 To The Sedition Caucus After Its CEO Called The Insurrection An "Assault" On "Free, Fair And Peaceful Elections" And It Said The Riot "Sought To Undermine The Very Fabric Of Our Democracy" As The Company Claimed It Paused Contributions.**

**So Far In 2021, Johnson & Johnson Has Given \$22,500 To The Sedition Caucus.**

**Johnson & Johnson Has Given \$22,500 To The Sedition Caucus, As Of December 22, 2021.**

PAC	Member	Amount	Date
Johnson & Johnson Political Action Committee	Richard Hudson (NC-8)	\$5,000	09/24/21; 11/12/21

Johnson & Johnson Political Action Committee	Michael Burgess (TX-26)	\$2,500	11/12/21
Johnson & Johnson Political Action Committee	John Rutherford (FL-4)	\$2,500	09/21/21
Johnson & Johnson Political Action Committee	Ron Estes (KS-4)	\$2,000	08/26/21; 11/12/21
Johnson & Johnson Political Action Committee	Jason Smith (MO-8)	\$2,000	09/21/21; 11/12/21
Johnson & Johnson Political Action Committee	Adrian Smith (NE-3)	\$2,000	09/21/21; 11/12/21
Johnson & Johnson Political Action Committee	David Schweikert (AZ-6)	\$2,000	09/21/21; 11/12/21
Johnson & Johnson Political Action Committee	Mike Kelly (PA-16)	\$1,500	09/28/21
Johnson & Johnson Political Action Committee	Jodey Arrington (TX-19)	\$1,000	09/21/21
Johnson & Johnson Political Action Committee	Devin Nunes (CA-22)	\$1,000	09/21/21
Johnson & Johnson Political Action Committee	August Pfluger (TX-11)	\$1,000	11/12/21
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$22,500</b>	

[Accountable.US, Corporate Donations Tracker, accessed [12/22/21](#)]

**On The Day Of The Insurrection, Johnson & Johnson CEO Alex Gorsky Said, "I'm Devastated By This Assault On What Our Country Has Stood For Since Its Founding: Free, Fair And Peaceful Elections" And Declared The Country Needs To "Chart Our Path To A Better And Healthier Future."**

January 6, 2021: Johnson & Johnson Chairman And CEO Alex Gorsky Responded To The Insurrection By Stating, "I'm Devastated By This Assault On What Our Country Has Stood For Since Its Founding: Free, Fair And Peaceful Elections." "Statement by Alex Gorsky, Johnson & Johnson Chairman and CEO [...]" As an American, as a colleague to tens of thousands of Johnson & Johnson employees in the country, and as a U.S. military veteran who served overseas to protect our democracy, I'm devastated by this assault on what our country has stood for since its founding: free, fair and peaceful elections." [Johnson & Johnson, [01/06/21](#)]

- **Alex Gorsky Was Still Chairman And CEO As Of November 15, 2021.** [Johnson & Johnson, accessed [11/15/21](#)]
- **Alex Gorsky Will Step Down On January 3, 2022.** "Johnson & Johnson will replace Chairman and CEO Alex Gorsky with another veteran company executive starting next year. The world's biggest maker of health care products said late Thursday that Joaquin Duato will become CEO and a member of the company's board of directors on January 3." [Associated Press, [08/20/21](#)]

**Gorsky Continued, "Now Is The Time To Stand Shoulder-To-Shoulder In Unity [...] And To Chart Our Path To A Better And Healthier Future."** "Now is the time to stand shoulder-to-shoulder in unity – not face-to-face in conflict – and to chart our path to a better and healthier future." [Johnson & Johnson, [01/06/21](#)]

**Later, Johnson & Johnson Announced It Paused All Political Contributions As It Declared It "Strongly Condemns The Tragic And Violent Events" Of The Insurrection, Which It Said "Sought To Undermine The Very Fabric Of Our Democracy."**

January 14, 2021: Johnson & Johnson Declared It "Strongly Condemns The Tragic And Violent Events" Of The Insurrection On January 6, 2021. "Johnson & Johnson strongly condemns the tragic and violent events that occurred at the United States Capitol." [Johnson & Johnson, [01/14/21](#)]

**Johnson & Johnson Stated That The Insurrection "Sought To Undermine The Very Fabric Of Our Democracy And Have Led To Violence And Further Divisiveness Within Our Nation."** "These actions sought to undermine the very fabric of our democracy and have led to violence and further divisiveness within our nation. As a healthcare Company with a 130-year history of innovations that improve the health of humanity, and one currently fighting to end the COVID-19 pandemic, the wellbeing of all people is our top priority." [Johnson & Johnson, [01/14/21](#)]

**Johnson & Johnson Announced It "Paused All Political Contributions While We Review And Evaluate Our Giving Policies And Criteria."** "While we support balanced giving on both sides of the aisle, and do so with domestic and global health initiatives in mind, we understand that to whom our contributions are directed matters. We also know that the actions and inactions taken by those who receive these contributions matter. Johnson & Johnson Political Action Committee has not made any federal contributions in 2021 and has paused all political contributions while we review and evaluate our giving policies and criteria." [Johnson & Johnson, [01/14/21](#)]

**Johnson & Johnson CEO Alex Gorsky Joined A Conference Of Major CEOs To Discuss "What To Do If Trump Refuses To Leave Office"—They Considered Pressuring Republican Lawmakers Who Sought To Overturn Electoral College Results.**

**Days After The 2020 Election, Johnson & Johnson CEO Alex Gorsky Participated In A Conference Of Major CEOs "To Discuss What To Do If Trump Refuses To Leave Office."**

**Days After The 2020 Election, Johnson & Johnson CEO Alex Gorsky Participated In A Conference Among Several Major CEOs "To Discuss What To Do If Trump Refuses To Leave Office" Following The Presidential Inauguration.** "Only a few of America's CEOs have made public statements about President Donald Trump's refusal to accept his election loss, but in private, many are alarmed and talking about what collective action would be necessary if they see an imminent threat to democracy. On Nov. 6, more than two dozen CEOs of major U.S. corporations took part in a video conference to discuss what to do if Trump refuses to leave office or takes other steps to stay in power beyond the scheduled Jan. 20 inauguration of former Vice President Joe Biden." [Associated Press, [11/13/20](#)]

- **Johnson & Johnson CEO Alex Gorsky Participated In The Conference.** "But in an interview with CNBC, he identified Disney Executive Chairman Robert Iger, Blackstone CEO Stephen Schwarzman and Johnson & Johnson CEO Alex Gorsky as attending." [Associated Press, [11/13/20](#)]
- **The 2020 Presidential Election Was Held On November 3, 2020.** "The 2020 United States presidential election was the 59th quadrennial presidential election, held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020." [270 To Win, accessed [11/15/21](#)]

**At The Meeting, "Many [Executives] Expressed Alarm About The President's Conduct," Refuted His Election Fraud Claims, And Considered Pressuring Election Deniers In Congress.**

**The CEOs Discussed "Making Public Statements And Pressuring GOP Legislators In Their States Who May Try To Redirect Electoral College Votes From Biden To Trump."** "But if Trump tries to undo the legal process or disrupts a peaceful transition to Biden, the CEOs discussed making public statements and pressuring GOP legislators in their states who may try to redirect Electoral College votes from Biden to Trump, said Yale Management Professor Jeffrey Sonnenfeld, who convened the meeting." [Associated Press, [11/13/20](#)]

**The CEOs Agreed "They Had Seen No Evidence Of Widespread Election Fraud" And "Many Expressed Alarm About The President's Conduct."** "The CEOs agreed that they had seen no evidence of widespread election fraud as Trump has contended. Sonnenfeld invited Yale University historian Timothy Snyder, author of "On Tyranny," to address the group. After hearing Snyder discuss the history of democracies dying after

elections and the possibility of GOP legislators changing the Electoral College outcome, many expressed alarm about the president's conduct, Sonnenfeld said." [Associated Press, [11/13/20](#)]

**Following The Deadly "Unite The Right" Rally, Johnson & Johnson CEO Gorsky Stepped Down From A White House Advisory Council And Rebuked Trump For Equating White Supremacists With Their Counterprotestors —The AP Later Called The Insurrection The "Culmination" Of Trump-Era White Supremacist Displays, Including The "Unite The Right" Rally.**

**2017: After Trump Equated White Supremacists With Their Counterprotestors At The Deadly "Unite The Right" Rally, Johnson & Johnson CEO Alex Gorsky Announced He Was Stepping Down From A White House Council While Stating That The Company's Credo "Calls On Us To Be Responsible To The Communities In Which We Live And Work."**

**August 2017: Following The Deadly White Supremacist Rally In Charlottesville, VA, Johnson & Johnson CEO Alex Gorsky Wrote That The Company's Credo "Calls On Us To Be Responsible To The Communities In Which We Live And Work."** "There has been a lot of discussion over the last 48 hours, and I want the world to know where Johnson & Johnson stands on recent events in Charlottesville, Virginia. Our Credo, which guides us as an organization, calls on us to be responsible to the communities in which we live and work, and to the world community as well. I said yesterday that if we fail to speak out when the situation demands it, then we aren't being consistent with Our Credo responsibilities." [Johnson & Johnson, [08/16/17](#)]

- **White Supremacists Protesting The Removal Of A Charlottesville, VA Statue Of Confederate General Robert E. Lee Led To "Bloody Clashes" With Counterprotestors, In Which At Least One Person Died.** "In August of 2017, hundreds gathered on a Friday night in Charlottesville, Virginia, to protest the decision by city leaders to remove the statue of Confederate General Robert E. Lee from a public park. The actions of the protesters – who voiced their objections to the removal of the monument by carrying tiki torches and spewing racist chants – would turn even darker the following day as they gathered in Charlottesville's downtown district. The ensuing confrontation in the city's streets would lead to bloody clashes between civil rights groups and white supremacists and would end tragically when a car was rammed into a crowd of counterprotestors. [...] Heather D. Heyer, 32, a paralegal from Charlottesville, was killed when the car hit the crowd in which she was standing." [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [08/10/18](#)]
- **The White Supremacists' Rally Was Called "Unite The Right."** "The Unite the Right rally would again see Spencer, white supremacists and neo-Nazi groups in Charlottesville to protest the planned removal of the Lee statue – featuring the Confederate general astride his horse, Traveller – that has stood in the city since 1924. Only this time, there was a large number of counterprotestors present, and the two groups wound up facing each other in the streets." [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [08/10/18](#)]

**Gorsky Announced That He Would Step Down From The White House Manufacturing Advisory Council After Trump, As Gorsky Wrote, Made Remarks "Equating Those Who Are Motivated By Race-Based Hate With Those Who Stand Up Against Hatred."** "At that time, I believed the best place to speak out was as a member of the White House Manufacturing Advisory Council, by having a seat at that table. But the president's remarks yesterday—equating those who are motivated by race-based hate with those who stand up against hatred—were unacceptable. Good leadership requires being open to new information, and acknowledging that when circumstances change, you must reconsider your position—especially when the

issue at hand speaks to your values and the values your organization is built upon. Therefore, I decided to resign from the White House Manufacturing Advisory Council." [Johnson & Johnson, [08/16/17](#)]

### **Gorsky Added, "I Believe, Very Strongly, That Hatred And Bigotry Of Any Kind Have No Place In Our Society."**

Gorsky Added, "I Believe, Very Strongly, That Hatred And Bigotry Of Any Kind Have No Place In Our Society" And That Committed To "Creating A Better, Healthier And More United World"—"Without Distraction." "Johnson & Johnson has and always will be deeply committed to Our Credo values. And I believe, very strongly, that hatred and bigotry of any kind have no place in our society. Without distraction, we must, and we will, continue to honor our commitment to Our Credo and to creating a better, healthier and more united world. Nothing—no one—will ever get in the way of that." [Johnson & Johnson, [08/16/17](#)]

### **The Associated Press Found That The Insurrection Was "The Culmination" Of Several White Supremacist Displays During The Trump Administration, Including The Deadly "'Unite The Right'" Rally In Charlottesville.**

Associated Press: Years of white supremacy threats culminated in Capitol riots [Associated Press, [11/15/21](#)]

The Associated Press Found That The Insurrection Was "The Culmination" Of Several White Supremacist Displays During The Trump Administration, Including The Deadly "'Unite The Right Rally.'" "Amid the American flags and Trump 2020 posters at the U.S. Capitol during last week's insurrection were far more sinister symbols: A man walking the halls of Congress carrying a Confederate flag. Banners proclaiming white supremacy and anti-government extremism. A makeshift noose and gallows ominously erected outside. In many ways this hate-filled display was the culmination of many others over the past few years, including the deadly 2017 'Unite the Right' rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, that gathered extremist factions from across the country under a single banner." [Associated Press, [11/15/21](#)]

"Extremist Groups" Had A Presence In The Insurrection, "Including The Pro-Trump, Far-Right, Anti-Government Oath Keepers And The Three Percenters." "Extremist groups, including the pro-Trump, far-right, anti-government Oath Keepers and the Three Percenters, a loose anti-government network that's part of the militia movement, were among those descending on the halls of power on Jan. 6." [Associated Press, [11/15/21](#)]

**Johnson & Johnson CEO Alex Gorsky Is On The Board Of The Business Roundtable, Which States That "America's Economic Model" Is "Based On Freedom, Liberty And Other Enduring Principles Of Our Democracy" And Gorsky Led The Group's Effort To Redefine A Corporation's Purpose To Prioritize Social Issues Over Short-Term Profit.**

### **Johnson & Johnson CEO Alex Gorsky Is Also On The Board Of The Business Roundtable, Whose "Commitment" Statement Declares That "America's Economic Model" Is "Based On Freedom, Liberty And Other Enduring Principles Of Our Democracy."**

Alex Gorsky Is On The Business Roundtable's Board Of Directors, As Of November 15, 2021. [Business Roundtable, accessed [11/15/21](#)]

The Business Roundtable's "Commitment" States, "America's Economic Model, Which Is Based On Freedom, Liberty And Other Enduring Principles Of Our Democracy, Has Raised Standards Of Living

**For Generations.** "Our Commitment [...] America's economic model, which is based on freedom, liberty and other enduring principles of our democracy, has raised standards of living for generations, while promoting competition, consumer choice and innovation. America's businesses have been a critical engine to its success." [Business Roundtable, accessed [11/15/21](#)]

## **Alex Gorsky "Chaired The Effort" To Update The Business Roundtable's Statement Of A Corporation's Purpose To Prioritize Social Issues Above Short-Term Shareholder Profits—Gorsky Said The Effort Was Necessary Because "People Are Asking Fundamental Questions About How Well Capitalism Is Serving Society."**

**August 2019: The Business Roundtable, A Trade Group Comprised Of America's Top CEOs, Updated Its Definition Of A Corporation's Purpose To Prioritize Social Issues—Including "Supporting The Communities In Which We Work"—Above Creating Shareholder Value.** "In 1997, the influential Business Roundtable (BRT), an association of the chief executive officers of nearly 200 of America's most prominent companies, enshrined the philosophy in a formal statement of corporate purpose. 'The paramount duty of management and of boards of directors is to the corporation's stockholders,' the group declared. 'The interests of other stakeholders are relevant as a derivative of the duty to stockholders.' Times change. On Aug. 19, the BRT announced a new purpose for the corporation and tossed the old one into the dustbin. The new statement is 300 words long, and shareholders aren't mentioned until word 250. (Scroll to the bottom of this page to read the statement in its entirety.) Before that, the group refers to creating 'value for customers,' 'investing in employees,' 'fostering 'diversity and inclusion,' 'dealing fairly and ethically with suppliers,' 'supporting the communities in which we work,' and 'protect[ing] the environment.'" [Fortune, [08/19/19](#)]

**Johnson & Johnson CEO Alex Gorsky "Chaired The Effort" To Update The Business Roundtable's Purpose Statement, Said It Was Necessary Because "People Are Asking Fundamental Questions About How Well Capitalism Is Serving Society."** "The new statement is the result of a yearlong reexamination that began with a testy dinner attended by a group of journalistic critics and involving a comprehensive survey of CEOs, academics, NGOs, and political leaders. 'It has been a journey,' says Johnson & Johnson CEO Alex Gorsky, who chaired the effort. But it was a necessary journey because 'people are asking fundamental questions about how well capitalism is serving society.'" [Fortune, [08/19/19](#)]

## **Alex Gorsky Participated In A CEO Conference To Deliberate Over "How The Private Sector Could Address Global Social Problems" At The Urging Of Pope Francis.**

**Alex Gorsky Was Reportedly Among About 100 CEOs Who Met In Rome To Deliberate Over "How The Private Sector Could Address Global Social Problems" At The Urging Of Pope Francis.** "That December, after the election, *Fortune* assembled roughly 100 big-company CEOs in Rome, at the encouragement of Pope Francis, and spent a day in working-group deliberations on how the private sector could address global social problems. The group—which included CEOs of Allstate, Barclays, Dow Chemical, IBM, Johnson & Johnson, Siemens, and many others—proposed ways that business could help reach the billions of people in the world who lacked basic financial services; support the effort to fight climate change; expand training programs for those whose jobs were threatened by technological change; and provide basic community health services to the half-billion people who had no access to care." [Fortune, [08/19/19](#)]

## **Johnson & Johnson Signed A Major Statement in Opposition To State Voter Suppression Laws That Republicans Advanced Following Trump's 2020 Loss Although The Company Has Disclosed Membership In The U.S. Chamber, Known For Its "Fierce Opposition" To Voting Rights Reform Legislation.**

### **Johnson & Johnson Signed A Major Statement Declaring That "We Must Ensure The Right To Vote For All Of Us" As Republicans In Multiple States Advanced Voting Rights Restrictions Based On "Baseless" Voter Fraud Accusations In The 2020 Election.**

**April 2021: Johnson & Johnson Was Among "Hundreds Of Major Companies And Corporate Leaders" Who Signed A Statement Declaring Voting Is "The Lifeblood Of Our Democracy" And That "We Must Ensure The Right To Vote For All Of Us," In Response To Voter Restrictions That Republicans Were Advancing Across The Country.** "On Wednesday, hundreds of major companies and corporate leaders released a joint statement that said voting is "the lifeblood of our democracy" and "we must ensure the right to vote for all of us" — a seeming rebuke of the hostile tone coming from Republicans who insist the laws are needed for election security and companies should stay out of politics." [The Washington Post, [04/14/21](#)]

- **Johnson & Johnson Signed The Statement As J&J.** [The Washington Post, [04/14/21](#)]

**The Statement Was Also Signed By Major Corporations Like Target, Netflix, Bank of America, Facebook, Microsoft, Amazon, And Others.** "Wednesday's statement by corporate leaders — which cast the issue as nonpartisan — included support from recognizable corporate names such as Target, Netflix, Bank of America, Facebook, Cisco, Twitter, Microsoft, Starbucks, Amazon, Mastercard, American Airlines, United Airlines and Vanguard, as well as prominent people such as investor Warren Buffett, law firms and nonprofit organizations." [The Washington Post, [04/14/21](#)]

**Republican State Officials Were "Pushing For Restrictive New Laws," Based On "Baseless Accusations Of Voter Fraud," Following Trump's Loss In The 2020 Election.** "The current crop of voting measures being debated in statehouses nationwide is fueled by lingering animosity over the last presidential election, when baseless accusations of voter fraud resulted in Republican officials pushing for restrictive new laws." [The Washington Post, [04/14/21](#)]

### **Yet, Johnson & Johnson Has Disclosed Membership In The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce, Known For Its "Fierce Opposition" To Election Reforms In The For The People Act As Voter Restrictions Advanced In Multiple States.**

**2020: Johnson & Johnson Disclosed Membership In The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce.** [Johnson & Johnson, accessed [11/15/21](#)]

**April 2021: The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce Faced Controversy Over Its "Fierce Opposition" To The "Sweeping Voting Bill Known As The For The People Act," Which Would Have Countered Voting Restrictions That Were Advancing In Georgia And Other States.** "Progressive activists are calling on Ford, Target, Google, Bank of America and other major companies that have pledged to support voting rights to cut ties with the US Chamber of Commerce, CNN Business has learned. At issue is the Chamber of Commerce's fierce opposition to the Democrats' sweeping voting bill known as the For the People Act, which advocates say would counter efforts by Georgia and other states to impose new voting restrictions." [CNN, [04/21/21](#)]

**Johnson & Johnson Claims That It Recognizes The United Nations Universal Declaration Of Human Rights, Which Emphasizes Democratic Rights, And The United Nations' Global Compact, Which Guides Companies On Respecting The Rule Of Law—And Even Highlights A Case Example Of A Company Helping To Prevent "Violence" And "Promote Stability During Elections."**

**Johnson & Johnson Claims It Is Guided By The United Nations Universal Declaration Of Human Rights—Which Includes An Article On Democratic Rights That States, "The Will Of The People Shall Be The Basis Of The Authority Of Government," As Expressed Through "Genuine Elections."**

**Johnson & Johnson Has Stated That Businesses Have "A Critical Role To Play" In Protecting The Rights Of Citizens And Claimed It Is "Committed To Respecting Human Rights."** "While it is the duty of governments to protect the rights of their citizens, we recognize that businesses also have a critical role to play. As a global healthcare company, Johnson & Johnson is committed to respecting human rights in our own operations and complying with the laws of the countries in which we do business. Moreover, we believe we have an opportunity to positively impact the protection of human rights within our sphere of influence." [Johnson & Johnson, accessed [11/15/21](#)]

**Johnson & Johnson Has Stated It Is Guided By The United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights And The United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, Among Other Documents.** "Our commitment is guided by the principles set forth in laws of the United States governing human rights, as well as in the following international documents: [...] Universal Declaration of Human Rights [...] United Nations (UN) Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights." [Johnson & Johnson, accessed [11/15/21](#)]

**The United Nations Office Of The High Commissioner On Human Rights States That "Genuine Elections" Are "Necessary And Fundamental" In Promoting Human Rights.** "The right to take part in the conduct of public affairs, including the right to vote and to stand for election, is at the core of democratic governments based on the will of the people. Genuine elections are a necessary and fundamental component of an environment that protects and promotes human rights." [United Nations Office Of The High Commissioner On Human Rights, accessed [11/12/21](#)]

**The Universal Declaration Of Human Rights Includes The Right For "Everyone Has The Right To Take Part In The Government Of His Country, Directly Or Through Freely Chosen Representatives."** "Universal Declaration of Human Rights [...] Article 21 [...] Everyone has the right to take part in the government of his country, directly or through freely chosen representatives." [United Nations, accessed [11/09/21](#)]

**The Universal Declaration Of Human Rights Includes, "The Will Of The People Shall Be The Basis Of The Authority Of Government," As Expressed Through "Genuine Elections."** "Universal Declaration of Human Rights [...] Article 21 [...] The will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government; this will shall be expressed in periodic and genuine elections which shall be by universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret vote or by equivalent free voting procedures." [United Nations, accessed [11/09/21](#)]

**The United Nations' Guiding Principles On Business And Human Rights States Companies Should "Should Address Adverse Human Rights Impacts With Which They Are Involved."** "II. THE CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY TO RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS A. FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES 11. Business enterprises should respect human rights. This means that they should avoid infringing on the human rights of others and should address adverse human rights impacts with which they are involved." [United Nations, accessed [11/09/21](#)]

**Johnson & Johnson Is A Signatory Of The United Nations Global Compact, Which Outlines A "Business For Rule Of Law Framework" On How Companies Can "Respect And Support The Rule Of Law"—The Framework Highlights A Case Example Of A Company Helping To Prevent "Violence" And "Promote Stability During Elections."**

**Johnson & Johnson Is A Signatory Of The United Nations Global Compact.** "Johnson & Johnson is also a signatory of the UN Global Compact, and supports the 10 principles set out in this framework on human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption." [Johnson & Johnson, accessed [11/15/21](#)]

**The United Nations Global Compact Outlines A "Business For Rule Of Law Framework" To Guide Companies On How To "Respect And Support The Rule Of Law."** "Companies are invited to use the Business for Rule of Law Framework to take action in respecting and supporting the rule of law, serving as a complement to government action. The Framework provides guidance on how business can respect and support the rule of law in a way that business can relate to." [United Nations Global Compact, accessed [11/09/21](#)]

**The United Nations Global Compact's Business For Rule Of Law Framework Highlights A Case Example Of A Company Helping To Prevent "Violence" And "Promote Stability During Elections."** "Companies can support the rule of law through core business, strategic social investment, public policy engagement, and collective action. The UN Global Compact has collected over 100 case examples of business action in support of the rule of law, including: [...] A mobile network operator, with the support of the government, developing guidelines to prevent bulk electronic messages inciting violence and sending messages of peace to promote stability during elections." [United Nations Global Compact, accessed [11/09/21](#)]

**Johnson & Johnson Recognizes That Corporations "Have An Impact On Our Society," Touts A "Commitment To Sound Public Policy," Claims "We Use Our Voice To Pursue Policy Solutions" That Improve Communities, And Its CEO Has Stated, "Our Actions, Words And Behaviors Do Matter."**

**Johnson & Johnson Has Recognized That Corporations "Have An Impact On Our Society" And "Play A Role In The Welfare And Wellbeing Of Communities."**

**Johnson & Johnson Has Recognized That Corporations "Have An Impact On Our Society And Environment And Play A Role In The Welfare And Wellbeing Of Communities."** "Corporations, by the very nature of their existence and activities, have an impact on our society and environment and play a role in the welfare and wellbeing of communities. Beyond their core business activities, corporations can also help create a better world and improve the quality of life for communities through additional strategic philanthropic initiatives that go beyond commercial activities." [Community Impact, Johnson & Johnson, accessed [11/15/21](#)]

**Johnson & Johnson's "Commitment To Sound Public Policy" Claims That The Company Uses Its "Voice To Pursue Policy Solutions" That Serve Communities.**

**Johnson & Johnson Has Touted A "Commitment To Sound Public Policy" And That It Uses Its "Voice To Pursue Policy Solutions" That Serve Communities, Consumers, And Employees.** "Our Commitment to Sound Public Policy [...] At Johnson & Johnson, we believe it is important to encourage the development of sound public policy, best achieved when a variety of stakeholders are involved. We support active and informed participation in the policy-making and political processes. We use our voice to pursue policy solutions that better serve patients, nurses, doctors, and consumers, as well as our employees and our communities around the globe." [Code of Business Conduct, Johnson & Johnson, accessed [11/15/21](#)]

## **Johnson & Johnson Touts Its Commitment To Ethical And Responsible Behavior, With CEO Alex Gorsky Stating, "Our Actions, Words And Behaviors Do Matter."**

**Johnson & Johnson Has Stated, " We Believe Acting Ethically And Responsibly Is Not Only The Right Thing To Do, But Also The Right Thing To Do For Our Business."** "At Johnson & Johnson, we believe acting ethically and responsibly is not only the right thing to do, but also the right thing to do for our business. Our Johnson & Johnson Code of Business Conduct ensures that we hold ourselves and how we do business to a high standard, allowing us to fulfill our obligations to the many stakeholders we serve." [Johnson & Johnson, accessed [11/15/21](#)]

**Johnson & Johnson CEO Alex Gorsky Has Stated, "Our Actions, Words And Behaviors Do Matter" And "I Am Proud To Lead A Company That Has A Long History Of High Ethical Business Practices."** "Our actions, words and behaviors do matter. Regardless of where we live or the job we do, when we do what's right—in other words, when we act with the highest integrity—we live Our Credo values, and show we truly care for the people we serve and respect the people with whom we work. I am proud to lead a company that has a long history of high ethical business practices, including empowering our employees to do the right thing." [Johnson & Johnson, accessed [11/15/21](#)]