

IN BAD COMPANY

by Charles Ernie Bar

VOTE WITH YOUR DOLLARS!

The old adage, “Every dollar you spend is like voting for the kind of country you want to live in” couldn’t be truer. So, how do you vote with your dollars? Simple: Boycott companies that do not support or that stand in direct opposition to your ideals.

As Wikipedia puts it: “A **boycott** is an act of voluntary and intentional abstention from using, buying, or dealing with a person, organization, or country as an expression of protest, usually for moral, social, political, or environmental reasons. The purpose of a boycott is to inflict some economic loss on the target, or to indicate a moral outrage, to try to compel the target to alter an objectionable behavior.” Boycotts are the epitome of peaceful, nonviolent protest.

In this column, we will attempt to share information about businesses that conservative-leaning, Constitution-supporting American citizens may wish to no longer frequent. If you want to avoid being *In Bad Company*, avoid the businesses listed here!

NETFLIX

What are they?

Netflix, Inc. is an American technology and media services provider and production company headquartered in Los Gatos, California, founded in 1997 by Reed Hastings and Marc Randolph. Since 2012, the network has taken more of an active role as producer and distributor for films and television series, and it now offers a variety of Netflix original content in its library. By January of 2016, Netflix

services was operating in more than 190 countries. They released an estimated 126 original series and films in 2016, more than any other network or cable channel. On July 10, 2020, Netflix became the largest entertainment/media company by market cap.

What makes them so bad?

Sure, it's only a few dollars a month for the convenience of streaming thousands of shows and films into your home, but it doesn't seem like such a bargain when we take a look at the facts. There are countless reasons to avoid streaming this liberal-run, leftist-content-fed service into our homes and the minds of our families, but here are just a few:

- Netflix employees have sent 98 percent of their political contributions to Democrats, according to the Center for Responsive Politics' OpenSecrets website. That makes it almost 100 percent leftist, folks.
- Barack and Michelle Obama struck an exclusive, multi-year deal with Netflix to produce their own movies, series, and documentaries. They claim, of course, that these will not be "political," yet they state that their aim is to continue the work they championed while in office.
- Former Obama administration national security adviser Susan Rice recently joined the Netflix board of directors. The company a company keeps can put them in bad company.
- Netflix threatened to pull productions like *Ozark* out of Georgia to protest the state's abortion rules, which they feel are too strict.
- Leftist programming, from *Patriot Act* to Ava DuVernay's *When They See Us* and *Knock Down the House* floods the service, while

many conservative-based and religious programs are simply not available via Netflix.

- Netflix premiered *The Break with Michelle Wolf*, a late-night-type show hosted by the so-called comedian who attended the White House Correspondents Association dinner, where she shamelessly and unapologetically delivered awful criticism of the Trump administration and other conservative legislators.
- Ted Sarandos, Netflix's co-chief executive officer and chief content officer, has personal ties to Democratic figures. He's so connected to the left side of things that he held a fundraiser for Barack Obama's 2012 campaign and raised over \$700,000 for the Constitution-crippling candidate. He claims "There's no political slate to the programming" on Netflix, but we all know that's not true.
- More than 170,000 people have signed a petition urging an immediate ban on the movie *Cuties* from Netflix, as the film blatantly sexualizes a group of 11-year-old girls.
- The Netflix sitcom *The Ranch*, once called a "conservative" sitcom, has now veered left. It, like so many other Netflix originals, proudly now spouts an anti-gun message along with other virtue-signaling underpinnings.

How do we speak up/stand up to Netflix?

While inflicting economic loss is the underlying goal of any boycott, large corporations may not realize why (or even care), because their wealth overshadows their conscience. Thus, for a boycott to be successful at making a real impact, we must speak up and let the companies know why we refuse to do business with them or why we will no longer be customers or give them good word-of-mouth. It's

important to tell them your specific reasons, demand refunds if we can, and mention to that we will encourage others to also abstain from doing business with them. Money talks...and so does the removal of it!

To inform Netflix of your boycott and discontent, contact them at:

Snail Mail (often the most noticeable/effective):

Netflix Corporate Headquarters
100 Winchester Circle
Los Gatos, CA 95032

Phone: 866-716-0414

Website/Live Chat: <https://help.netflix.com/en/contactus>

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