

Airbnb Demands Users Accept Its 'Sexual Orientation' Guidelines

Airbnb vacation rentals now demands all users accept their liberal community guidelines, which includes a pro-LGBT agenda.

"I agree to treat everyone in the Airbnb community—regardless of their race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation or age—with respect, and without judgment or bias," the community commitment reads.

If a user refuses the standards, they cannot host or travel using the vacation rental service.

The Community Commitment went into effect Nov. 1. Former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, as well as former American Civil Liberties Union head Laura Murphy, helped draft the guidelines.

"If the host improperly rejects guests on the basis of protected class, or uses language demonstrating that his or her actions were motivated by factors prohibited by this policy, Airbnb will take steps to enforce this policy, up to and including suspending the host from the platform," the site reads.

"As the Airbnb community grows, we will continue to ensure that Airbnb's policies and practices align with our most important goal: To ensure that guests and hosts feel welcome and respected in all of their interactions using the Airbnb platform. The public, our community and we ourselves expect no less than this," the site continues.

According to the *New York Times*, Airbnb's response is designed to quiet the questions over discrimination that have threatened to cloud growth of the company, which is based in San Francisco.