It’s officially “Back-to-School” Month! Amid the hustle and bustle of nabbing deals and buying new clothes, you might forget to check the values of the companies you are shopping at. According to the National Retail Federation, Americans will spend an average of $670 per family on back-to-school supplies. Don’t let your money go towards causes you wouldn’t support on your own.

2nd Vote has compiled a list of businesses for back-to-school shopping below. To learn more about a company’s scoring, visit the 2nd Vote app or website.

**Clothing:**

**Lean Conservative**
- Under Armour – 3.3

**Neutral**
- Dillard’s – 3
- Kohl’s – 2.8

**Lean Liberal**
- Kmart – 2.5

**Liberal**
- Target - 1.8
- T.J. Maxx – 1.8
- Marshalls – 1.8
- Macy’s – 1.3
- Walmart - 1

Under Armour has remained neutral on the life, marriage, environment issues.

Target has joined in the legal effort to support same-sex marriage.

Kohl’s remains neutral on every issue but abortion; Kohl’s partners with Susan G. Komen, which gives to Planned Parenthood.
Technology:

- **Liberal**
  - Dell – 1.8
  - Hewlett-Packard – 1.5
  - Best Buy – 1.3
  - Apple – 1
  - Microsoft – 1

- Apple is a corporate supporter of the Center for American Progress, a liberal organization that advocates for abortion.

Classroom Supplies:

- **Lean Conservative**
  - Hobby Lobby – 3.8

- **Neutral**
  - Family Dollar – 2.8

- **Lean Liberal**
  - Texas Instruments – 2.5
  - Crayola – 2.5
  - Dollar General – 2.5
  - Staples – 2
  - 3M (Scotch, Post-it) – 2
  - Office Max – 2

- Dollar General has given to the Children's Defense Fund and the YWCA, both of which are members of the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence.

- **Liberal**
  - Target – 1.8
  - Office Depot – 1.7
  - Walmart – 1

Office Depot is a National Corporate Partner of The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, an organization that advocates for same-sex marriage.

Wal-Mart partners with the Environmental Defense Fund, a liberal environmental organization.

OfficeMax funds United Way, which funds Planned Parenthood.