

2026 Rocky Mountain Debating Championship Topic Areas

Topic Area	Description
Death and Dying	Topics exploring the meaning of death in society through its social, cultural, and institutional implications.
K-12 Education Policy	Debates about how public and private K-12 schools are funded, governed, and operated, including controversies surrounding school choice, curriculum, and technology use.
Public Lands and Sustainability	Motions that examine the use, conservation, and management of public lands at the federal, state, and local levels.
Transatlantic Partnership	Issues about the political, economic, and security issues influencing the North American-European relationship.
Exploration of the Unknown	Motions focusing on the value of discovery, the risk of exploration, and deciding whether to pursue finding uncharted frontiers (e.g., space, oceans, lost civilizations).
Working 9 to 5	Debates centering around the regulation and facilitation of labor, including ideas about work culture, the impact of technology, and the state of unions.
US Elections	Issues concerning the midterms, voting rights, civic duties, and controversies related to US elections.
The Arts	Topics about the creation, distribution, consumption, and classification of art, including discussions about ethicality, accessibility, and cultural importance.
Ok, Boomer	Motions related to dealing with generational similarities and differences, perspectives on aging, shifts in power, and the legacy that baby boomers leave behind.