

John Koch

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Expert in debate, including argumentation analysis, persuasive techniques and rhetorical theory.

Biography

John Koch uses a wide range of methods to understand and explain political and policy debates. He is interested in: political campaign debates, presidential debates, policy debates and presidential rhetoric. His research is guided by the question of how we can improve citizenship practices and debates within our political culture. He currently serves as the chair of National Communication Association's Argumentation and Forensics Division. His research has appeared in Contemporary Argumentation and Debate, the National Forensic Journal, and various book chapters on presidential rhetoric. He has also been published or quoted in various news publications regarding political debates, including The Boston Globe, The Conversation, and Metro News. Currently, he serves as the Director of Debate of Vanderbilt's internationally renowned and award-winning debate program.

Areas of Expertise

Policy Debate, Presidential Debate, Political debate, Debate, Presidential Rhetoric

Education

Wayne State University

Ph.D. Communication Studies

Wayne State University

M.A. Communication Studies

Capital University

B.A. Communication Studies

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