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26Feb24 DEEP DIVE MEETING: Braver Angels Debates	Start of Segment on Video	Links
Welcome: Ian Smith	2:04	Video, Chat, Transcript, Slides Field Leaders Portal
Braver Angels Debates Overview: Jessie Mannisto and Natalie Laroche	3:30	
Debates Content Why Debate? Debate Teams National Debates Local Community Debates Training Resolutions	4:40 7:32 10:03 12:03 15:18 20:20	National Debates Local Community Debates College Debates: Doug Sprei & Sadie Webb Candidate Debates
Q&A	27:03	Past National Debates Topics Recent Collegiate Debates Topics

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Q&A	**Q:** Did anyone else have a reaction to using the term “WHIPS”?	**27:27**	
	Q: I can’t find a document list of debate topics for college debates, could someone please post that?	**28:54**	Natalie Laroche
	Q: In regards to training, I thought I finished it during the Rise for America campaign? How can I check on that?	**29:40**	Natalie Laroche
	Q: Would you please discuss organizing a Campus debate? Who to contact, how do you go about it?	**31:27**	Doug Sprei & Sadie Webb
	Q: You mentioned in the Community Debate, you said find a venue, does it have to be in-person? Or can it be on Zoom?	**33:05** *Questions asked back to back*	
	Q: What does “organizer in development” mean?		
	Q: What exactly does a “WHIP” do?	**35:18**	
	Q: Is there a High School Debates contact?	**37:24**	Vee Cangiano & Mary TV
	Q: How do you do Candidate debates, are the candidates involved or are community members debating about the candidates?	**38:51**	Candidate Debates
	Q: Is there a discernible outcome to a BA debate? And once you’ve been to one, what happens next?	**41:08**	
	Q: To clarify, is the Organizer training an add on for Debates? Or is it an entirely separate process?	**46:01** *Questions asked back to back to back*	
	Q: If an Organizer isn’t trained on Debates yet does that stop them from doing any Debates?		
	Q: If you’re considering doing College or Candidate Debates are there different teams or do they look for local people?		
	Q: Once you’re ready to host a debate, how does a Debate Chair know they’re ready?	**51:27** *Questions asked back to back*	National Debates
	Q: What can alliances that want to host debates, how can we support Debate Chairs and Debate Organizers?		
	Q: Are you inviting local government decision makers to the debate to listen?	**56:35**	
	Q: How are questions framed? So one side doesn’t feel like it’s unbalanced?	**57:40**	
	Q: Is Braver Angels interested in changing the name of debates to more accurately reflect what we’re doing?	**59:52**	