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Comments: A bolt ban would be dangerous. Please. I am an experienced climber, but I am not the strongest, so when I am facing vertical terrain with no cracks suitable for removable protection like cams or nuts, it can genuinely be terrifying. Fear is what we love and hate about our sport. It feels amazing to control it, but every climber knows that occasionally it gets the better of us and if there are no bolts to break up the runout you can get into a lot of trouble.

Additionally, bolted anchors actually save wear and tear on the rocks. Because they are placed in ideal positions to reduce rope friction, they will actually prevent a lot of repetitive rubbing from gear, ropes and the climbers themselves. If the climber has to continue up and over to find something to build an anchor on, often the rope to their partner below is forced to drape over all the rock in between. Well placed bolted anchors are quicker, prevent scarring on the rock, and often provide a much safer alternative to sketchy walk-offs.

There is so much that I love about climbing, but first and foremost is the community of climbers, committed to nature, exploration, and each other. So there is nothing more heart-breaking than a climbing accident. Please allow me and all of my friends to continue to climb safely, because no one loves parks more than we do.