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Comments: Safe and well maintained anchors provide climbers a safe journey both up and back down a route.

Having been forced to climb to the top of a route in the high Sierra in the midst of a thunderstorm before on the anchor-less route was a scary experience and not one that I would ever like to repeat. With anchors on route, it gives climbers a safety net of bailing when unpredictable weather rolls in, or if there is an injury on route.

Additionally, having reliable and safe anchors are the best way to ensure safe rappelling. If climbers are expected to rely on old and tattered webbing, there will undoubtedly be even more rappelling accidents. The list goes on and I am confident that other climbers have filled in the blanks that I have left out. I appreciate you taking the time to consider this perspective.