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Comments: I'm sure there have been a lot of comments and letters regarding the bolt ban and the sport of climbing. No bolts would mean no climbing in certain areas. This has a trickle down affect to local businesses and towns. Some towns in the United States might not even exist. Climbing brings in big money these days. When camping and climbing in these areas climbers go out to eat, shop for food, fill up on gas and pay for lodging and camping. I have been on too many climbing trips to count. I would say for every week I was at a place I estimated that I would spend about a thousand dollars every week. Some climbers spend way more or way less. Either way climbers these days are not poor homeless people not spending money and climbing on rocks all day. Overall, money is being spent on local businesses and because there is climbing in the area. You take away bolts there will be less climbing and fewer coming to areas that rely on climbers to spend money.

Bolts and fixed anchors make rock climbing possible. The sport should be policed by the local climbing community in conjunction with the forest service or park service. As a climber I feel like this partnership has worked. We should be focusing on trail erosion, trash and human waste.