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Comments: I do not support any bolt ban whatsoever. Banning climbing anchors will concentrate users leading to heightened impacts in areas. Additionally, the increased risk of climbing will lead to significantly more rescues (a high impact activity) of climbers not well versed in alternative methods of lowering off climbs in the absence of top anchor bolts. Furthermore, bolts on top on formations are usually not visible, Lessening the aesthetic impact to all other user groups that see these rock formations from the ground.

To summarize, I am ambivalent on "sport routes" (routes that use bolts for protection. However, I adamantly support the installation of bolted anchors at the top of climbs, even so called "traditional" climbs, as they drastically increase safety, and the alternative (left behind webbing) is abhorrent. Banning bolts will not stop bolting.