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Comments: I'm a climber and wilderness lover, and I've done a lot of outdoor recreation in places where bolting is regulated at different levels. When anchor bolts are allowed (for example, in a lot of the land around Squamish, BC, Canada), climbing is much safer and makes much less of an impact on the local ecosystem. When anchor bolts are not allowed (for example, at the Gunks in NY in the Mohonk Preserve), people anchor off of trees, which is bad for the trees, or leave lots of nylon slings, which looks bad from the ground and it's not good to be leaving plastic everywhere. Unless you want to prohibit climbing (which would decrease the motivation of a huge number of wilderness lovers to support conservation), fixed anchors are necessary and good for the environment and wilderness experience.