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Comments: Already established bolted climbing routes (sport climbs) should be left how they are. In fact, some routes may need more bolts to ensure the safety of those climbing those routes. New sport climbs should continue to be allowed in order to ensure the safety of the majority of climbers. Also, sport climbs make climbing more accessible financially for people since traditional climbing gear (trad gear) is often prohibitively expensive. However, some climbing routes that are NOT already bolted and can obviously be protected by trad gear should remain unbolted, but only if they can safely be climbing that way (making falling safe). Such routes usually would be splitter cracks extending from the group to the top, and it's often efficient to still install bolted top anchors on these routes. Bolted top anchors on trad routes increases accessibility, increases efficiency, and increases safety. Prohibiting bolts would not only decrease accessibility to the sport, which is therapeutic for many including myself, it would increase accidents that happen. More accidents would put more strain on search and rescue and would also require more use of taxpayers dollars for medical care expenses incurred.