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Comments: Please don't make changes to current fixed climbing anchor policies. As someone who has been climbing throughout the US for over 40 years, and as someone who routinely cleans up and modernizes fixed hardware on popular existing routes, I'm dismayed at where this will leave things for the next generation of American climbers.

Climbing has grown in popularity immensely since I first tied in to a rope as a teenager in the 1970s. Fixed anchors have been essential to climbing since before I was born, and the impacts of climbing's popularity have been and continue to be mitigated by incremental improvements in how we install and maintain. I believe that banning these practices and systems is shortsighted and will help no one.