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Comments: Not allowing bolts and anchors to be built in climbing areas will not only put climbers lives at risk but will also put first responders lives at risk as well. Bolts allow climbers to safely explore new areas and mitigate many of the hazards that come with climbing. Every time someone gets hurt and a search and rescue team has to be deployed, it puts their lives at risk as well.

When anchors and bolts have been used since the 60s in Yosemite valley, it seems unreasonable that bolts would come to be banned now. With the massive influx of new climbers in the last decade and especially after covid, it seems reasonable that we would want to keep the general population safer while climbing.

Overall, while some people may not like the way a bolt looks on a rock, the bolts are usually hard to see from any distance away. And the overall positive impact of bolts is far greater than an aesthetic negative that only a select few seem to care about.