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Comments: My family has been rock climbing off and on for decades and most recently have geared up to help our grandchildren enjoy the sport and give them another reason to go outside and enjoy the outdoors. If anchors were to be banned, it would increase the cost of climbing to be prohibitive to all but clubs, and the very wealthy, or a very select few, and the sport would slowly die outside, relegated to indoor climbing gyms.

In order to enjoy the outdoors in this way, extra purchasing of cams and other tools would be required, increasing the likelihood of injury, falls, and damage to the climbing routes as everyone then places anchors in different locations, damaging a wider area everywhere. Removing existing anchors would also damage these areas. Allowing anchors provides a way to control where enthusiasts of all ages climb. Banning anchors is not a good idea.