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Comments: Please consider the arguments for maintenance and use of fixed anchors in climbing, As a 76 year old life long climber both in established locales and in the wilderness I agree with the use of fixed anchors. I am a dedicated follower of the AMERICAN Alpine Club's "Accident of North America." In many cases, there is not a safe alternative to fixed anchors (ie a bolt). Also, for safe descent, the most essential aspect of climbing in my opinion, a safe established route can be life saving.

In light of the increased use of the outdoors, by both well experienced climbers and more and more gym trained climbers with no real outdoor "reality" experience, for safety a fixed anchor program established by cooperation among climbing organizations and governmental overseeing organizations will provide maximum safe participation of the public-IMO.