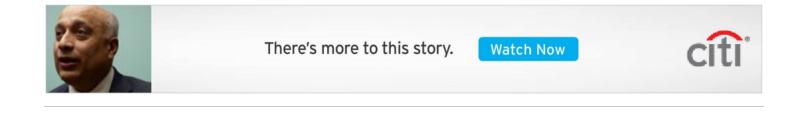
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The oped by Pat Caddell and Doug Schoen about how ObamaCare will be a disaster for Democrats reminds me of Bruce Reed's distinction

between "political hacks and policy wonks": "After two decades in Washington as a wonk working among hacks, I have come to the conclusion that the gap between Republicans and Democrats is as nothing compared to the one between these two tribes...Wonks think the differences between hacks and wonks are as irreconcilable as the Hutus and the Tutsis. Hacks think it's just like wonks to bring up the Hutus and the Tutsis."

The Democrats' dogged, bloodthirsty crusade for universal coverage has been possible only because the wonks have seduced or silenced the hacks within the Democratic party. It appears the hacks may be ready to launch a rebellion. Caddell and Schoen's oped is the opening salvo.

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