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The Risk of Repeal and Replace

A Wall Street Journal editorial titled “The GOP’s ObamaCare Moment” says a “repeal first then replace strategy carries big political risks.” This “two-stage maneuver” they write will empower the far left and the far right to rail against any replacement. The writers also emphasize that “If Republicans don’t repeal ObamaCare immediately, the danger is that the natural inertia of Congress takes over and nothing changes.”

They suggest a replacement that “provides more certainty.” I suggest that if there’s a replacement bill it should hand health care back to the states. Anything that leaves the power in federal hands keeps the door open for single-payer in the future.


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