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## Radio Abandons Madonna

I've been having this story bounce around in the back of my mind for a while but never blogged about it. In short, I've been very surprised that the terrific pop singles from Madonna's current album haven't been doing well on the charts. Billboard blames the hip-hop-centric attitude of Top 40 right now. Certainly her tour is going gangbusters. And worldwide Madonna has sold some 8 million copies so far. But "Confessions on a Dance Floor" should go double or triple platinum here and it has barely gone platinum. But as long as she can end up with sales of 10 million worldwide, it won't matter. Has Madonna become one of those artists who do much better in Europe than here?

POSTED BY MICHAEL IN NEW YORK AT 2:50 PM

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