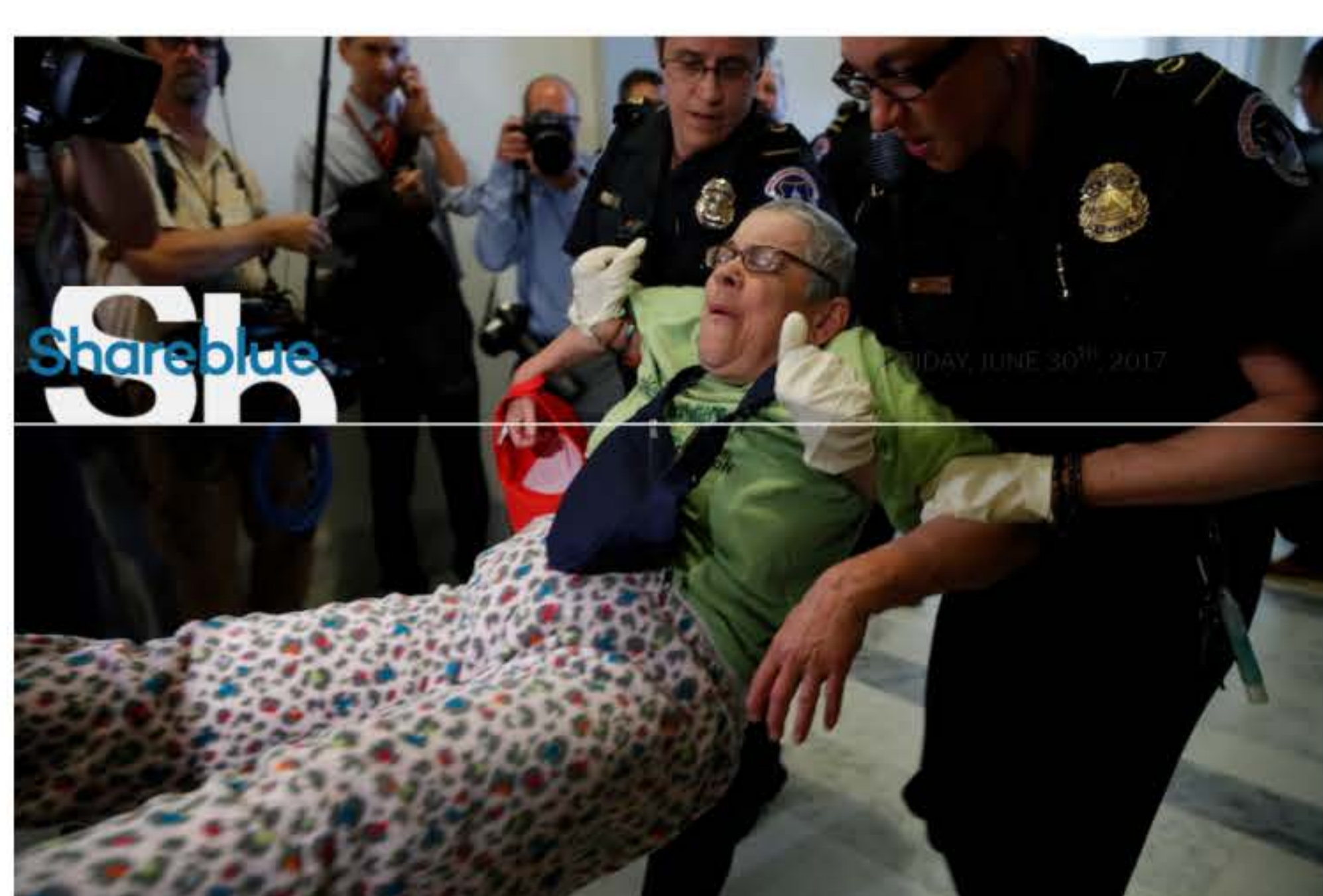


Protesters in wheelchairs physically removed from McConnell's office over Medicaid cuts

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Protesters in wheelchairs showed up to protest the Senate Republicans' plan to cut Medicaid. They were physically removed by security agents.



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Medicaid recipients showed up to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's office to protest the Republicans' disastrous health care repeal bill.

These patients would be especially harmed by the bill that includes deep cuts to Medicaid. But just as Democrats and the public at large were excluded from the Senate GOP's process of crafting the bill, these patients' voices were not welcome. And they were physically removed.

If a picture is worth a thousand words, this video is shockingly priceless — and horrifying.



The protesters held up signs identifying themselves as Medicaid recipients. They would feel the brunt of the cuts if the Republican bill is passed and becomes law, which would enact cuts to the program that millions of disabled Americans rely on.



The protesters were physically removed from their place in front of McConnell's office, some of them taken out of their wheelchairs by security, and carried out of the Capitol building.



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This is the seminal image of our battle. She's being arrested for protesting ACA repeal outside McConnell's office. [twitter.com/desiderioDC/st...](https://twitter.com/desiderioDC/status/874111111111111111)

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Million of Americans rely on Medicaid, including 30 percent of adults with disabilities and 60 percent of children with disabilities. The cuts in the Republican bill would have a catastrophic effect on their lives, which has prompted this strong moment of resistance.

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