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Forty-three people were arrested Thursday during ObamaCare repeal protests in the Senate office building, according to Capitol Police.

Protests broke out around Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's (R-Ky.) office after Senate Republicans released their ObamaCare repeal and replace plan.

The demonstrators had planned a "die-in" protest in opposition to the bill. Images from those present show Capitol Police forcibly removing protesters from the building, some of them in wheelchairs.



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The current Republican plan to repeal and replace ObamaCare, includes deep cuts to Medicaid programs, as well as the repeal of billions of tax dollars.

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As President Trump faces growing backlash for tweeting a video attacking CNN on Sunday, Twitter [told the network](#) that the president's tweet did not violate the social media platform's terms and conditions.

Trump tweeted an old video clip on Sunday of him beating up an individual at a wrestling event, with a CNN logo superimposed over the man's face. Twitter told CNN it had reviewed the tweet.

The video is the latest in a series of attacks on the media by the president made on Twitter.

Earlier this week, Trump issued a highly personal and graphic attack on MSNBC host Mika Brzezinski, in which he called her "crazy," "low I.Q.," and referenced her bleeding from a facelift.

I heard poorly rated @Morning_Joe speaks badly of me (don't watch anymore). Then how come low I.Q. Crazy Mika, along with Psycho Joe, came..
— Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump) [June 29, 2017](#)

...to Mar-a-Lago 3 nights in a row around New Year's Eve, and insisted on joining me. She was bleeding badly from a face-lift. I said no!
— Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump) [June 29, 2017](#)

The attacks have sparked speculation as to whether the president has violated the social media platform's terms rules.

CNN is claiming the president is inciting violence, issuing a statement saying, "It is a sad day when the President of the United State encourages violence against reporters."

One of the network's anchors, Brooke Baldwin, asked the president to stop on Twitter, saying she was scared.

This scares me. Mr. President, please STOP.
<https://t.co/dqa7ZAayYo>
— Brooke Baldwin (@BrookeBCNN) [July 2, 2017](#)

CNN commentator Ana Navarro [also expressed her concerns with the tweet](#) saying "it is an incitement to violence. He is going to get somebody killed in the media."

Trump's supporters have insisted the tweet was harmless.

The president's Homeland Security Adviser Tom Bossert downplayed the tweet during an appearance on ABC's "This Week" on Sunday.

"No one would perceive that as a threat," Bossert said.

"I think it was intended as a tongue-in-cheek, satirical video. Nothing serious," CNN commentator Kayleigh McEnany said, adding she would have advised the president to tweet the video. The Hill reached out to spokespeople from the platform.

"We don't comment on individual accounts, for privacy and security reasons," a Twitter spokesperson said in a statement to The Hill.

Twitter [addresses abusive behavior on its website](#), and lays out its guidelines on violent threats, harassment and hateful contact.

"You may not make threats of violence or promote violence, including threatening or promoting terrorism," the rules regarding direct and indirect threats read.

The platform addresses harassment, stating users "may not incite or engage in the targeted abuse or harassment of others. Some of the factors that we may consider when evaluating abusive behavior include: if a primary purpose of the reported account is to harass or send abusive messages to others; if the reported behavior is one-sided or includes threats; if the reported account is inciting others to harass another account; and if the reported account is sending harassing messages to an account from multiple accounts."

"You may not promote violence against or directly attack or threaten other people on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, religious affiliation, age, disability, or disease. We also do not allow accounts whose primary purpose is inciting harm towards others on the basis of these categories," said discussing the company's policy on hateful conduct.

The tweet is still posted to Trump's personal account, and was retweeted to the @POTUS Twitter handle, which is the official account of the president of the United States.

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