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CNN's Jennings, GOP Senators: McConnell Alive and Discussing Policy

A day after two independent journalists reported that GOP Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky was “brain dead,” a top GOP strategist said he spoke to him on the phone.

CNN talker Scott Jennings reported on X that he discussed politics with the ailing 84-year-old legislator, who was rushed to the hospital in mid June after his heart stopped. X users met Jennings’ claim with skepticism and ridicule, with one suggesting that if Jennings spoke to McConnell, he did so in a séance.

But McConnell’s Senate colleagues also say they spoke with the feeble octogenarian.

And echoing her interview with *Reason*’s Robby Soave, former GOP Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene again said the time had come to stop using the U.S. Capitol as a geriatric care facility. McConnell, she said, is a “vegetable” who should resign.



AP Images
Scott Jennings

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— Scott Jennings (@ScottJenningsKY) [July 7, 2026](#)

Dead or Alive

As [The New American reported](#) earlier today, McConnell landed in the hospital on June 14. Audio from the 911 call that sent paramedics to his home revealed that he suffered “cardiac arrest,” which means his heart stopped beating.

He’s been hospitalized ever since. GOP Senate Majority Leader John Thune claimed that he spoke to McConnell and that the elderly legislator was “dialed in.” McConnell’s staff claimed on June 22 that he continued working with staff members on the compelling issues of the day.

Yesterday, journalist Laura Loomer reported that McConnell is “brain dead,” citing a “high level source close to the White House. That source said “he is not coming back,” she reported.

Later, Loomer wrote that machines are keeping McConnell alive, and that her White House source claimed he “is in organ failure.”

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High level source close to the White House tells me “Mitch McConnell is officially brain dead. He’s not coming back.”

— Laura Loomer (@LauraLoomer) [July 6, 2026](#)

Mitch McConnell is being kept “alive” by life support machines, but my White House source told me McConnell is in organ failure, and as I reported, source told me he has allegedly been declared a vegetable (brain dead) by doctors and the White House has been told “McConnell isn’t...

— Laura Loomer (@LauraLoomer) [July 6, 2026](#)

I have heard the same thing from my sources for days. At this point, I am at the hospital for when they eventually decide to move cut him off of life support and move his body. His Capitol police detail is still here as of 3:39pm ET. <https://t.co/tSTetm51de>

— Desirée Townsend (@Cheering4Change) [July 6, 2026](#)

“I heard the same thing,” journalist Desirée Townsend reported.

Jennings: He Lives!

Today, Jennings, also a Kentuckian, reported that he and McConnell chatted on the phone.

“I spoke to my old friend Mitch McConnell this morning, the senior Senator from Kentucky,” Jennings claimed:

He’s still recovering in the hospital. We talked for just shy of 20 minutes ... about IRAN, UKRAINE, the unfolding situation in MAINE, my visit to the TR Presidential Library, and even a little bit of Senate history. I told him we want to see him back at work as soon as possible.

What Jennings means by “back at work” is unclear. Aides push McConnell thither and yon across the Capitol in a wheelchair. They frequently must assist him when he speaks on the Senate floor or in committee hearings because he is confused.

Craig Caplan, C-SPAN’s Capitol Hill producer, reported on X that a spokesman for Thune said the majority leader “spoke with Senator McConnell yesterday by phone. They had a lengthy and substantive conversation that covered a variety of topics, including national security.”

“[Wyoming GOP Senator John] Barrasso spox Kate Noyes today:” Caplain continued:

Senator Barrasso and Senator McConnell had a lengthy conversation early this afternoon. Their phone call lasted roughly 20 minutes. They caught up about the latest news impacting Senate races, the Graham Platner scandal, and the recent Supreme Court ruling on coordinated spending limits. They also discussed the Senate’s July work period, including the need to pass the NDAA and confirm President Trump’s nominee for Director of National Intelligence. Senator McConnell was fully engaged and is eager to get back to the Senate.



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— Craig Caplan (@CraigCaplan) [July 7, 2026](#)

Reaction, MTG

X users reacted swiftly to Jennings' report.

"You called an elderly man whose wife has abandoned him while he's dying in the hospital to talk about Ukraine and the Maine Senate race??" Mel the Village Crazy Lady asked. "What the hell is wrong with you????"

"i also spoke with mitch mcconnell this morning," The Mangy wrote over a photograph of a séance.

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— Mel (@Villgecrazylady) [July 7, 2026](#)

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— The Mangy (@LeMangy) [July 7, 2026](#)

Scott's conversation with Mitch pic.twitter.com/EzLRTkQGgT

— ☐☐☐☐☐☐ (@LucifersTweetz) [July 7, 2026](#)

"Scott's conversation with Mitch," another user wrote over an Ouija board.

TMZ caught up to Taylor Greene on the street in New York City. The former Republican was there to visit with the harpies on *The View*.

Taylor Greene was unequivocal: McConnell is too old to serve in the Senate.

"I think it's extremely serious," she said of the situation, "and I'd like to say shame on the Republican Party for just basically staying silent while such a powerful Republican senator is basically laying in a hospital like a vegetable."

"And his wife flew to China and met with the vice president of China just days after he basically died, and they brought him back with CPR and took him to the hospital," she continued:

But, you know what, it doesn't surprise me from the establishment, because this is what they support. They support people holding on to power until they're practically dead, or they die in office. And this is why the state of our country is so pathetic.

But the feisty former representative, whom President Trump — no spring chicken himself — [drove from](#)



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[office](#) because she crossed him on the Epstein files, didn't stop there. She blasted elites of both parties for permitting elderly politicians who are clearly mentally disabled to continue the charade that they can capably represent their constituents.

"Mitch McConnell had a stroke on television — I think it was last year — and that was the earliest sign," she said:

But none of these elected officials, Republican, Democrat, congressmen, senators, should ever stay in office until they're ailing in health.

Joe Biden is another one. He was the president while he had dementia and was clearly failing on the world stage. But no, shame on every single person in Washington, D.C., that doesn't call this out and demand Mitch McConnell's family step up and announce his resignation and take care of their family member, because there needs to be a new election held in Kentucky where they can have a functioning person serve as a senator.

And then, also, you know, I want to call this out — this really irritates me — the Republican Party is all campaigning against communism right now. What about Elaine Chao? Elaine Chao flew to China and met with the vice president just a few days after Mitch McConnell practically died and went to the hospital. So when are we going to call out a possible communist Chinese spy right there?

Yes, Taylor Greene said when the reporter followed up, she called Chao a Red agent.

□ Marjorie Taylor Greene tells [@jacob_wass](#) that Sen. Mitch McConnell's wife, Elaine Chao, is a communist spy. [pic.twitter.com/s1aVN7uZGN](#)

— TMZ (@TMZ) [July 7, 2026](#)

MTG reveals why Congress is chronically Boomermaxxing □□

"you wanna know why they want to die in office? ... Imagine you're 80 years old, and your staff are your caretakers"

"they wheel these people around in their damn wheelchairs... they wheel them all over the Capitol, all... [pic.twitter.com/genmA7kiey](#)

— Sense Receptor (@SenseReceptor) [July 4, 2026](#)

Taylor Greene also told the reporter she hopes outgoing GOP Representative Thomas Massie of Kentucky moves into McConnell's seat. That would require a special election.

[During the interview](#) with *Reason*, Taylor Greene fumed about the number of the infirm, elderly legislators who refuse to give up power.

"It's a reality that I wish so many times the American people could see," the [former Republican](#) said:

[To] see that old, old person being wheeled around by their 25-year-old staffer, to go in there and read the words that the other 20-year-olds wrote in their office. and vote the way



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they've told them to vote.



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