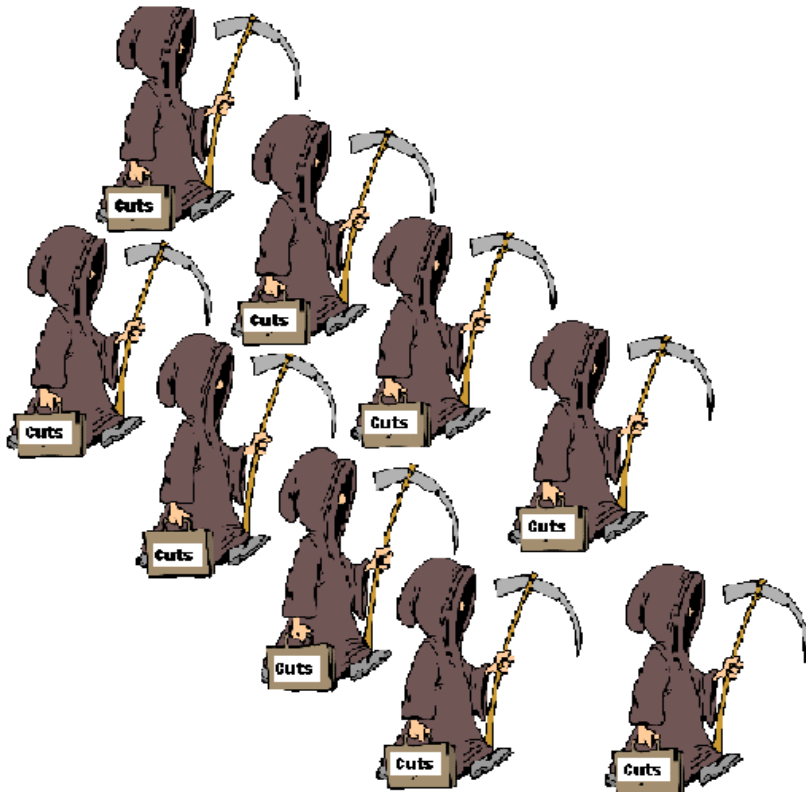


Want to know what scary things Congress will do if you don't say boo back?

The House of Representatives is putting together a grim package of cuts. For more information:
<http://www.cbpp.org/10-28-05bud.htm>



The Senate's cuts inflict less direct harm on vulnerable people, but once all those Mr. Grimms get together to work out their deal, the result will be pain for poor and sick, young and old – with treats (aka tax breaks) for the wealthy.

1. Send an email letter to your members of Congress.

http://www.chn.org/campaign.jsp?campaign_KEY=1001

2. Write a letter to the editor of your local paper opposing the cuts! <http://www.chn.org/pdf/budgetlte051031.pdf>

3. Join National Call-In Week -- STARTING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7!

CALL YOUR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7 (early in the week is best!) TOLL FREE NUMBER: 800-426-8073.

Poor children: less foster care aid. Fewer children being cared for in relatives homes will be able to get the help of federal foster care assistance.

Low-income people will lose Medicaid. The House proposal will make certain children, families, elders, and people with disabilities pay more and/or receive less medical care through Medicaid. Some families now covered may no longer be eligible.

300,000 people will not receive food stamps. Low-income working families who have left welfare for jobs will be dropped. Legal immigrants, no matter how poor, will have to wait 7 years to qualify for food stamps (now they must wait 5 years).

Children will lose billions in child support their families are owed: Cuts in funds for enforcement of child support orders will be cut, resulting in the loss of nearly \$8 billion in collections over 5 years, or \$24 billion over 10 years.

Poor people with disabilities will be forced to lend or bequeath the federal government money: When SSI takes a long time to approve an application (quite common), those approved now get lump sum payments of the back benefits owed. This proposal would require that more than 3 months of back benefits be paid in installments. If the severely disabled individuals owed the SSI payments die first, the feds keep the money.

You can stop their grim march!