

going to say it's for leverage, but I'm not going to get a deal unless I do this, " the official said. The president often used profanity during the meeting, apologizing to Pelosi at one point for cursing so much, according to the official. # Even as Pelosi has chastised him in public, Trump has made a deliberate effort not to attack her, two advisers said. # Meanwhile, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), has largely stayed on the sidelines, leaving it to Pelosi and Schumer to resolve the wall dispute with Trump. # McConnell and his top deputy, Senate Majority Whip John Thune (R-S.D.), were not present when Trump and other Republican lawmakers appeared outside the White House following Friday's meeting. Aides to McConnell insisted they were not aware of the news conference. # McConnell was frustrated about Trump reversing himself on a short-term funding bill last month to keep the government open -- legislation that Republicans thought the president would sign. The top Senate Republican has also complained to allies about how unreliable the president was as a negotiating partner and how the president listened to what McConnell viewed as unproductive voices, according to two people familiar with the discussions. # Schumer has sought to involve McConnell more, telling White House senior adviser Jared Kushner in a recent meeting that McConnell needed to be a more active participant. But McConnell has told advisers and other senators that he does not feel pressure to get more involved and that his members are not itching for the shutdown to end, the people said. # " He's the leader of the Senate -- part of this shutdown, " Schumer said in a brief interview Thursday. " When he