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McCain: I thought it was a bad decision I think there were a lot of decisions that were bad I think that decisions should rest in the hands of the states I'm a federalist And I believe strongly that we should have nominees to the United States Supreme Court based on their qualifications rather than any litmus test Now, let me say that there was a time a few years ago when the United States Senate was about to blow up Republicans wanted to have just a majority vote to confirm a judge and the Democrats were blocking in an unprecedented fashion We got together seven Republicans, seven Democrats You were offered a chance to join conservative judges I voted for Justice Breyer and Justice Ginsburg Not because I agreed with their ideology, but because I thought they were qualified and that elections have consequences when presidents are nominated This is a very important issue we're talking about Senator Obama voted against Justice Breyer and Justice Roberts on the grounds that they didn't meet his ideological standards That's not the way we should judge these nominees Elections have consequences They should be judged on their qualifications And so that's what I will do I will find the best people in the world – in the United States of America who have a history of strict adherence to the Constitution And not legislating from the bench