

STEPHANOPOULOS: Let's talk about some of the issues. Judges.

What kind of judges will you appoint?

Will they be conservative?

What does that mean to you and how will you ensure it?

TRUMP: Well, first of all, we have a lot of judges that have to be appointed because we have a lot of openings in terms of judges. And I'm very happy about that, to be honest, because I think, you know, appointing judges is a very important and a very, frankly, a very, very important element of what we're doing.

STEPHANOPOULOS: But Ted Cruz says he's going to appoint rock rib conservatives with a paper trail.

What are you going to do?

TRUMP: Well, I'm going to appoint conservative judges. I'm going to appoint people that have great reputations, that are great with the legal profession...

STEPHANOPOULOS: Like?

TRUMP: Well, I can say like any -- you know a judge who is a totally underrated and not spoken is Justice Thomas. I mean, if you look at -- if you look at some of the judges that we have like on the Supreme Court, Justice Roberts turned out to be a nightmare for conservatives. I mean...

STEPHANOPOULOS: But how are you going to...

TRUMP: Wait, let me first say. Ted Cruz, was the one that really wanted Justice Roberts to go on the Supreme Court. You know that, right? Have you heard that?

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TRUMP: Let me just say, he was pushing him hard. Justice Roberts gave us Obamacare. Obamacare would have been terminated twice if it weren't for Justice Roberts. First time, 100 percent, second time 90 percent it would have died of its own weight.

But Justice Roberts could have killed Obamacare, and should have, based on everything. Should have killed it twice. Ted Cruz is the one that was promoting him. Ted Cruz and also Jeb Bush.

But Justice Roberts was the man that gave us -- and remember it -- he gave us Obamacare almost as much as Obama himself.

STEPHANOPOULOS: A lot of conservatives skeptical of you. They look at the kilo decision, say you support taking private property away, giving it to real estate developers. They're worried about that.

TRUMP: Let me tell you about that decision, you're talking about eminent domain. Without that, you wouldn't have roads. We wouldn't have been able to get here this morning. You wouldn't have roads, you wouldn't have highways, you wouldn't have schools, you wouldn't have hospitals, you wouldn't have anything.

You have to use eminent domain.

The pipeline, the Keystone Pipeline, they have pages devoted to eminent domain.

Now every conservative, and I'm a conservative, every conservative wants the Keystone Pipeline, would you say, essentially. The Keystone Pipeline cannot be built without eminent domain. That's what you're talking about.

Without eminent domain, you wouldn't have 25 feet of the Keystone Pipeline.

Eminent domain, you need eminent domain. I'm not in love with it, but you need it. You wouldn't have roads, you wouldn't have anything without eminent domain.

So, when people criticize me on that, and once people understand what it is. A lot of people say, oh, eminent domain, they don't know what it is. But without that power, you wouldn't have the kind of things that you need to survive as a society and as a country.

STEPHANOPOULOS: So, how are you going to make sure you don't get a Justice Roberts? Are you going to ask your appointees...

TRUMP: Well, excuse me, excuse me, how are they going to make sure? Bush appointed him. And Cruz was the biggest advocate. Cruz fought like hell to get Justice Roberts in there.

Justice Roberts turned out to be an absolute disaster. He turned out to be an absolute disaster because he gave us Obamacare.

So, you tell me, ask Cruz, why did he push...

STEPHANOPOULOS: I'm asking you. How are you going to make sure?

TRUMP: No, I'm asking you, why did he push so hard to have a judge who has absolutely set the conservative movement back and said everything...

STEPHANOPOULOS: When I interview him, I'll ask him. How you're going to make sure you don't get betrayed by your appointees.

TRUMP: I will study it carefully. I will work with people that I respect, conservative people, and we'll appoint judges that will be good. And I don't think I'll have any catastrophic appointment like Justice Roberts, which was really more than anybody else, pushed by Cruz and Bush.