

## McCain says he can unite GOP

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PHOENIX - Sen. John McCain of Arizona, wearing the front-runner mantle, said Wednesday he could unite the Republican party in the race for the White House. "You always have the task of uniting the party behind the nominee," he said at a news conference in Phoenix. "I'm confident we can do that with the Republican party now." Flanked by Sens. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., McCain said his campaign did "extremely well" on Super Tuesday, when he notched delegate-rich New York and California in the win column. McCain leads GOP hopefuls with 613 of the 1,191 delegates needed for the Republican presidential nod, USA Today reported. "I know how we can unite the party and bring us all together -- the independent voters, the old Reagan Democrats," McCain said. We have a message ... that we all share common conservative principles. "Asked about claims that he isn't conservative enough, McCain said he consistently receives top marks from conservative groups for his votes and positions in Congress. "We share common values, common conservative principles," McCain said. "We have specific disagreements on specific issues."

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