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At confirmation hearing, Holder looks to be more press-friendly

Attorney General nominee Eric Holder gave clues during Thursday's confirmation hearing that he plans to veer away from the last eight years of Bush policy in its restrictiveness on press freedom issues.

When questioned by Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt, Holder told a Senate committee that he supports a federal shield law. He said that a "carefully crafted law is appropriate," and that he would like to gather views from Department of Justice employees on striking a balance between protecting a journalist's confidential sources, guarding national security and prosecuting government leaks.

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