

# *U.S. attorney general nominee Pam Bondi refuses to rule out prosecuting Trump's critics*

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Washington, January 16 (RHC)-- In Washington, D.C., Pam Bondi, Trump's nominee for U.S. attorney general, vowed not to "politicize" the Justice Department as she faced questioning by the Senate Judiciary Committee Wednesday.

But when repeatedly pressed by Democratic senators, Bondi refused to commit to maintaining independence from Trump and his possible requests to prosecute journalists or other perceived threats. She also refused to rule out investigating special counsel Jack Smith or former Congressman Liz Cheney.

Pam Bondi avoided directly answering questions about Trump's vow to pardon January 6 defendants and refused to say Trump had definitively lost the 2020 election.

Senator Marco Rubio, Trump's pick for secretary of state, also faced a confirmation hearing Wednesday, receiving a warm welcome from his fellow senators as he expressed support for NATO, backed Trump's "America First" approach to foreign policy and diplomacy, and repeatedly warned of threats posed by China, which he called a "dangerous near-peer adversary."

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