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13. Here are some of the proposals which the Democratic leaders in the U.S. House have promised to address in the first weeks of 2007. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose legislation that would attempt to do each of the following: (RANDOM ORDER) (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE)

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	No opinion
Allowing the government to negotiate with drug companies to attempt to lower the price of prescription drugs			
for some senior citizens	87%	12%	1%
Raising the minimum wage	85%	14%	1%
Cutting interest rates on federal loans to college students	84%	15%	1%
Creating an independent panel to oversee ethics in Congress	79%	19%	2%
Making significant changes in U.S. policy in Iraq	77%	20%	3%
Reducing the amount of influence lobbyists have in congressional decisions	75%	21%	4%
Implementing all of the anti-terrorism recommendations made by the 9/11 Commission	64%	26%	10%
Maintaining the current Social Security system to prevent the creation of private investment accounts	63%	32%	6%
Funding embryonic stem cell research	62%	32%	6%
Reducing some federal tax breaks for oil companies	49%	49%	2%
Changing the rules to allow Congress to create new spending programs only if taxes are raised or spending on other	41%	54%	5%
programs is cut	4170	34%	<b>3</b> %0

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14. Here are some of the proposals which the Democratic leaders in the U.S. House have promised to address in the first weeks of 2007. For each one, please tell me whether you think that is extremely important for Congress to address, very important, somewhat important, or not important at all: (RANDOM ORDER) (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE)

	Extreme- ly <u>Impt.</u>	Very <u>Impt.</u>	Some- what <u>Impt.</u>	Not <u>Impt.</u>	No <u>Opinion</u>
Allowing the government to negotiate with drug companies to attempt to lower the price of prescription drugs for some senior citizens	42%	40%	11%	8%	0%
Making significant changes in U.S. policy in Iraq	40%	37%	15%	7%	2%
Raising the minimum wage	37%	34%	17%	12%	0%
Reducing the amount of influence lobbyists have in congressional decisions	34%	28%	25%	10%	3%
Cutting interest rates on federal loans to college students	32%	36%	22%	9%	1%
Maintaining the current Social Security system to prevent the creation of private investment accounts	32%	35%	20%	11%	2%
Implementing all of the anti-terrorism recommendations made by the 9/11 Commission	27%	40%	22%	8%	2%
Creating an independent panel to oversee ethics in Congress	27%	34%	25%	13%	1%
Reducing some federal tax breaks for oil companies	23%	21%	17%	36%	3%
Funding embryonic stem cell research	22%	30%	25%	20%	2%
Changing the rules to allow Congress to create new spending programs only if taxes are raised or spending on other programs is cut	15%	24%	37%	21%	4%

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