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# Presidential Daily Briefs: A Time-Based Analysis



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# Executive Summary

The Government Accountability Institute conducted an analysis of how much time President Barack Obama has spent attending his Presidential Daily Briefs (PDBs), as recorded on the White House official calendar and [Politico's](#) comprehensive calendar. The study covered the President's first 1,225 days in office, running from January 23, 2009 through May 31, 2012. Of those, President Obama attended a **total of 536 Presidential Daily Briefs.**

	Month	Days with PDB on Calendar	Percentages
2009	January	4	
	February	15	
	March	25	
	April	12	
	May	16	
	June	18	
	July	17	
	August	10	
	September	10	
	October	14	
	November	9	
	December	10	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>46.6%</b>
2010	January	16	
	February	17	
	March	18	
	April	10	
	May	14	
	June	15	
	July	16	
	August	8	
	September	14	
	October	19	
	November	10	
	December	21	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>48.8%</b>
2011	January	15	
	February	12	
	March	14	
	April	14	



	<b>Month</b>	<b>Days with PDB on Calendar</b>	<b>Percentages</b>
	May	11	
	June	12	
	July	15	
	August	7	
	September	12	
	October	8	
	November	8	
	December	12	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>38.4%</b>
<b>2012</b>	January	12	
	February	15	
	March	11	
	April	13	
	May	7	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>38.2%</b>
	<b>Total for Entire Period</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>43.8%</b>

