

Every nation has the government that it deserves!

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The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (literally "Supreme Council of Ukraine")
Ukraine's parliament = Verkhovna Rada = the Rada = VR(U)

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**TO BLOCK OR
UNBLOCK:
that is the question**

The Ukrainian parliament blockade history:

The Parliament was the most actively blocked in 2008. Only during 5 month of 12, there were no confrontations in the Verkhovna Rada.

It is particularly interesting, that every prolonged blocking of the parliament was preceded by formation of a new composition of the Cabinet of Ministers.

Before the VR was blocked in January-February 2000, Viktor Yushchenko was appointed as a Prime Minister;

before the blocking in 2002 – a new government headed by Mr. Yanukovich was formed;

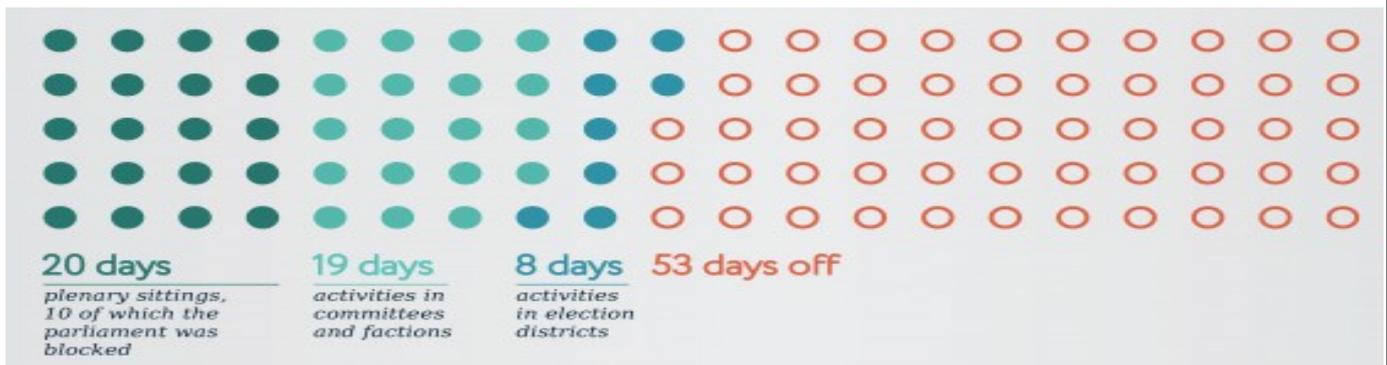
before the blocking on the beginning of 2008 – Yuliia Tymoshenko was appointed as a Prime Minister;

before the parliament was blocked this year (2013) – a new Cabinet of Ministers headed by Mykola Azarov was formed.

**What year
was the
Ukrainian
Parliament
most actively
blocked?**

- 2008
- 2010
- 2013

100 DAYS OF PARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITY



AGENDA

Agenda

Pronunciation: / əˈdʒɛndə/

noun, formally a pl. of agendum, but usually used as a sing. with pl. -das, or -da.

Definition of agenda:

- a list, plan, outline, or the like, of things to be done, matters (points) to be discussed at a meeting or a list of the matters to be acted or voted upon, etc.:
- ordered sequence of items to be discussed in a formal meeting.

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Interesting to know:

The civic network OPORA (www.oporaua.org) has given a pretty damning assessment of the first **100 days of the Verkhovna Rada's work**. The term "work" can only be understood in the loosest possible terms since for **53** of the 100 days parliamentarians didn't work at all. **20** days were supposed to be in plenary session, though only 10 proved to be working, with the other 10 spent on blocking parliament. **19** days were devoted to working groups; and **8** with voters.

The parliament

was blocked for the longest time:

- **47 days:** January 18 – March 5, 2008, with a one-day break ,
Parliamentary action with a slogan "NATO - no!";
- **21 days:** January 18 – February 8, 2000 ,
Counteraction to reelection of the management of the Verkhovna Rada (so-called "velvet revolution");
- **17 days:** February 5 – February 22, 2013,

Counteraction to "button-pushers" (non-personal voting).