Botswana

Botswana is scored against 188 of 193 other countries. At the UN it votes most alike with Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Afghanistan; least alike with Israel, Canada, Hungary.

Groups: AFR, African Union

WHERE BOTSWANA STANDS IN UN VOTES, 2025

Voting position -0.56 (90% range -0.85 to -0.31), among 191 countries. Distance from China 0.19, Russia 0.64, United States 3.45.



Nearest voting positions: Gabon (0.0, ranges overlap), Kenya (0.0, ranges overlap), Cambodia (0.0, ranges overlap), Eswatini (0.0, ranges overlap), Benin (0.01, ranges overlap), Bolivia (0.01, ranges overlap).

WHO IT VOTES WITH

Votes most alike at the UN		Votes least alike at the UN	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	97% vote agreement	Israel	41% vote agreement
Saint Lucia	97% vote agreement	Canada	63% vote agreement
Afghanistan	98% vote agreement	Hungary	61% vote agreement
Belize	97% vote agreement	Czechia	62% vote agreement
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	97% vote agreement	United Kingdom	60% vote agreement
Trinidad and Tobago	97% vote agreement	Russia	55% vote agreement

VOTES CAST WITH 15 COUNTRIES OR FEWER (SINCE 2010)

Rights of the child

2015 · R/70/137 · Botswana: No · overall 141 yes, 1 no, 42 abstain

THE BIG THREE

United States: index -9 (Distant), votes -51, trade $115 million a year
China: index +6 (Neutral), votes -25, trade $609 million a year
Russia: index -18 (Distant), votes -52

BOTSWANA IN NUMBERS (CONTEXT, NOT SCORED)

Population	2.6 m (2025)	Government debt	39% (2025)
Economy (GDP)	$19.9 bn (2025)	Inflation	2.7% (2025)
Income per person	$6,791 (2025)	Electoral democracy	0.67 (2025)
Military spending	2.8% (2024)		

TRADE, SECURITY AND CLUBS

Biggest trade ties	
South Africa	$4.7 billion
United Arab Emirates	$1.2 billion
Namibia	$1.0 billion
India	$637 million
China	$609 million
Belgium	$529 million

Opposite sides in armed conflict (latest year)

none recorded

SOURCES AND LIMITS

Votes: UN General Assembly roll calls (Voeten et al.; UN Digital Library) via Nations on Record. Trade: IMF via Nations on Record. Conflict: Uppsala Conflict Data Program 26.1. Context numbers: World Bank, IMF, SIPRI, V-Dem. Voting positions: Bailey, Strezhnev and Voeten. A vote shows how a government voted on a text, not why. Scores are not predictions and not advice. Rules and checks: https://nationsrelations.org/method

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