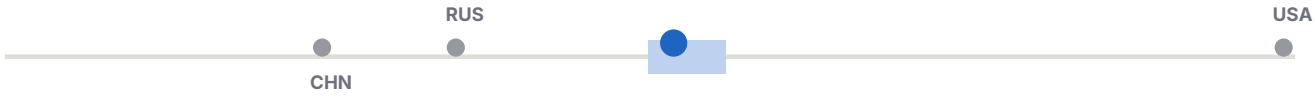
South Korea

South Korea is scored against 188 of 193 other countries. At the UN it votes most alike with Montenegro, Portugal, Finland; least alike with Nauru, Syria, Iran.

Groups: APG, G20

WHERE SOUTH KOREA STANDS IN UN VOTES, 2025

Voting position 0.84 (90% range 0.71 to 0.97), among 191 countries. Distance from Russia 0.76, China 1.21, United States 2.05.



Nearest voting positions: Netherlands (0.0, ranges overlap), Slovenia (0.0, ranges overlap), Australia (0.01, ranges overlap), Spain (0.01, ranges overlap), Iceland (0.01, ranges overlap), Norway (0.01, ranges overlap).

WHO IT VOTES WITH

Votes most alike at the UN		Votes least alike at the UN	
Montenegro	96% vote agreement	Nauru	53% vote agreement
Portugal	96% vote agreement	Syria	40% vote agreement
Finland	96% vote agreement	Iran	45% vote agreement
Monaco	96% vote agreement	Nicaragua	45% vote agreement
Slovenia	96% vote agreement	Turkmenistan	55% vote agreement
Denmark	96% vote agreement	Belarus	50% vote agreement

VOTES CAST WITH 15 COUNTRIES OR FEWER (SINCE 2010)

Promotion of inclusive and effective international tax cooperation at the United Nations
2024 · A/RES/79/235 · South Korea: No · overall 119 yes, 9 no, 43 abstain

Humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons
2020 · A/RES/75/39 · South Korea: No · overall 146 yes, 13 no, 29 abstain

Humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons
2019 · A/RES/74/42 · South Korea: No · overall 144 yes, 13 no, 28 abstain

Humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons
2018 · R/73/47 · South Korea: No · overall 142 yes, 15 no, 26 abstain

Humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons
2017 · A/RES/72/30 · South Korea: No · overall 141 yes, 15 no, 27 abstain

Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legal consequences of the separation of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius 1965
2017 · A/RES/71/292 · South Korea: No · overall 93 yes, 15 no, 65 abstain

Operational activities for development of the United Nations system
2014 · R/69/238 · South Korea: No · overall 130 yes, 8 no, 43 abstain

THE BIG THREE

United States: index +42 (Close), votes +56, trade $189 billion a year
China: index +2 (Neutral), votes -73, trade $277 billion a year
Russia: index -9 (Distant), votes -68, trade $12 billion a year

SOUTH KOREA IN NUMBERS (CONTEXT, NOT SCORED)

Population	51.7 m (2025)
Economy (GDP)	$1.9 tn (2025)
Income per person	$37,470 (2025)

Military spending	2.6% (2024)

Government debt	52% (2025)
Inflation	2.1% (2025)
Electoral democracy	0.82 (2025)

TRADE, SECURITY AND CLUBS

Biggest trade ties	
China	$277 billion
United States	$189 billion
Viet Nam	$84 billion
Japan	$76 billion
Australia	$42 billion
Singapore	$40 billion

Opposite sides in armed conflict (latest year)	
Viet Nam	1973
China	1953
North Korea	1953
Russia	1953

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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