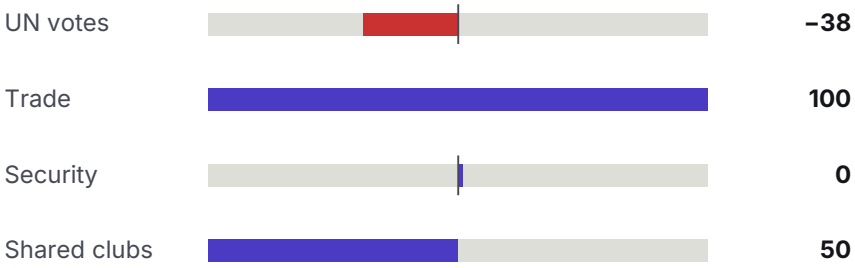
Brazil & China

China has been Brazil's largest trade partner since 2009; at the UN they vote alike less often than either does with most countries.

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Neutral

Relationship index, −100 to +100. Votes and security run from −100 to +100; trade and shared clubs from 0 to 100.

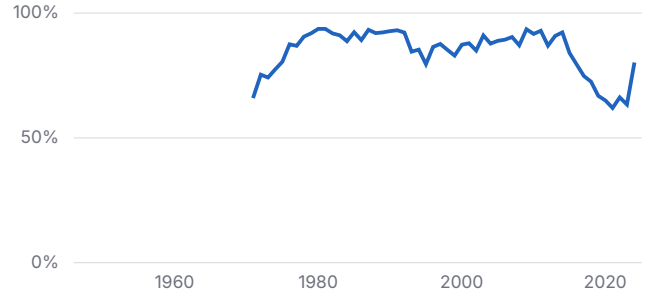


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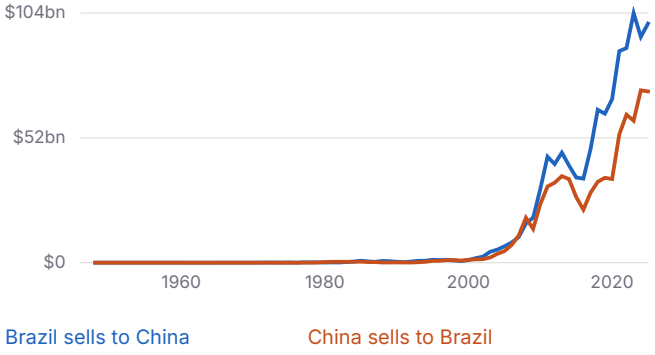
- At the UN their vote agreement is 70% (2022–2024), lower than either of them has with most countries.
- Trade in goods ($167 billion a year) is very important for Brazil, much less so for China.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Brazil names China more often than the reverse (13 sentences against 7).
- 24,000 people born in China live in Brazil (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved).

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way

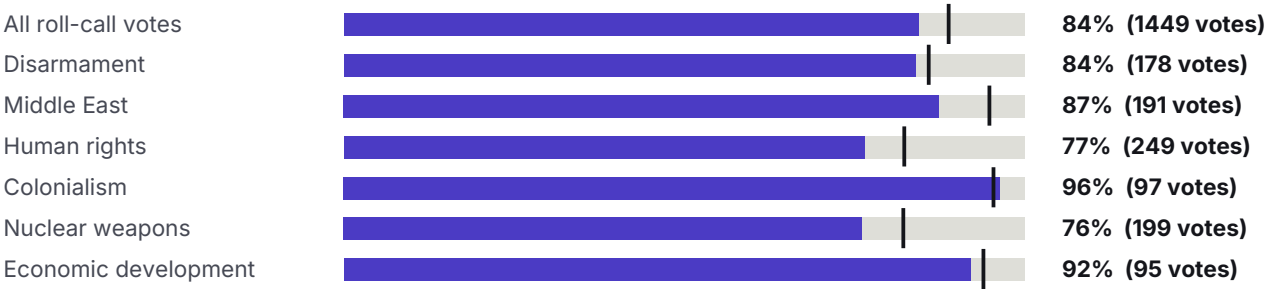


Goods exports each way (US dollars)



VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on colonialism (96% of votes the same), furthest apart on nuclear weapons (76%), against 84% on all votes since 2010.



Bar: since 2010. Mark: all years. Share of roll-call votes on whole texts cast the same way, counted vote by vote; an abstention against a yes counts as a difference. Disarmament, colonialism and economic development count votes up to 2018.

THE FACTS

UN votes	At the UN, the vote agreement of Brazil and China was 70% in 2022–2024. For Brazil, China is the 39th most distant voting partner out of 191; for China, Brazil is the 80th most distant partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $167 billion a year in 2023–2025: 27.9% of all Brazil's trade and 3.4% of China's. China is Brazil's largest trading partner.
Words	Since 1946, Brazil has named China in 13 sentences of its General Debate speeches; China has named Brazil in 7.
Security	No armed conflict between the two governments is recorded since 1946 (UCDP, data to 2025).
People	4,900 people born in Brazil live in China and 24,000 born in China live in Brazil (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 3 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	265 shared votes on whole texts in 2022–2024, the years the headline share covers. With that many, a share is good to about ±6 points.
Trade	**High**	Goods trade is reported in 3 of the 3 years 2023–2025. Goods only, from customs data (IMF); services and energy pipelines are not in it.
Security	**High**	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program covers every state up to 2025. It counts only conflicts with at least 25 battle deaths a year.
Shared clubs	**High**	The list of tracked groups is fixed; membership is checked by hand.
Index	**High**	As sure as the weaker of its two required parts, votes and trade. Security and shared clubs add to it but never make it surer.

MOMENTS (EDITORIAL CONTEXT, NEVER PART OF A SCORE)

1974	Diplomatic relations established
1988	Agreement on a joint Earth-observation satellite programme (CBERS)
2009	China becomes Brazil's largest trade partner; first BRIC summit
2023	Brazil's president Lula visits Beijing
2024	Fifty years of relations; Xi Jinping on a state visit to Brasília

SOURCES AND HOW TO CITE

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