Bhutan & United Kingdom

−20

Distant

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

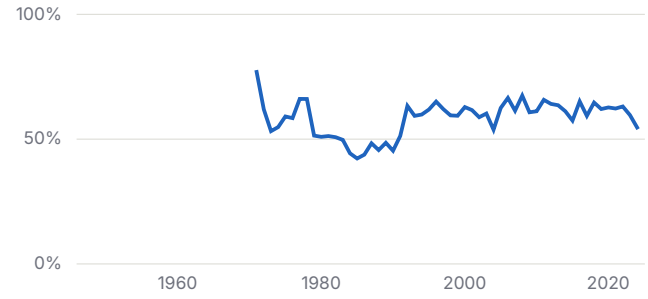
UN votes	−57
Trade	0
Security	0
Shared clubs	0

IN SHORT

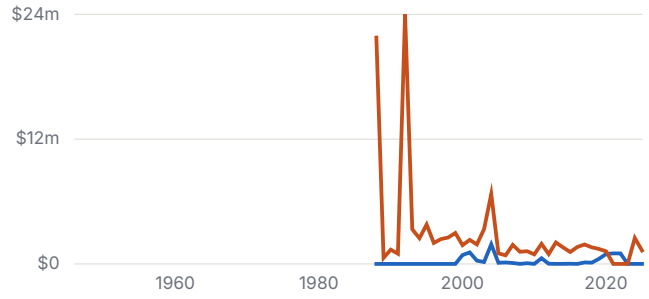
- At the UN their vote agreement is 59% (2022–2024), lower than either of them has with most countries.
- Trade in goods ($1.3 million a year) is a very small part of either country's trade, under 0.5%.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Bhutan names the United Kingdom far more often than the reverse (8 sentences against 0).
- 37 people born in the United Kingdom live in Bhutan (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)



Bhutan sells to United Kingdom United Kingdom sells to Bhutan

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on Middle East (86% of votes the same), furthest apart on nuclear weapons (32%), against 61% on all votes since 2010.

All roll-call votes	61% (1421 votes)
Disarmament	49% (173 votes)
Middle East	86% (188 votes)
Human rights	49% (244 votes)
Colonialism	58% (97 votes)
Nuclear weapons	32% (197 votes)
Economic development	68% (92 votes)

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 Bhutan and the United Kingdom was 59% in 2022–2024. For Bhutan, the United Kingdom is the 4th most distant voting partner out of 191; for the United Kingdom, Bhutan is the 80th most distant partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $1.3 million a year in 2023–2025: less than 0.1% of all Bhutan's trade and less than 0.1% of the United Kingdom's.
Words	Since 1946, Bhutan has named the United Kingdom in 8 sentences of its General Debate speeches; the United Kingdom has named Bhutan in 0.
Security	No armed conflict between the two governments is recorded since 1946 (UCDP, data to 2025).
People	37 born in the United Kingdom live in Bhutan (2024, UN DESA).

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	262 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.

SOURCES AND HOW TO CITE

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