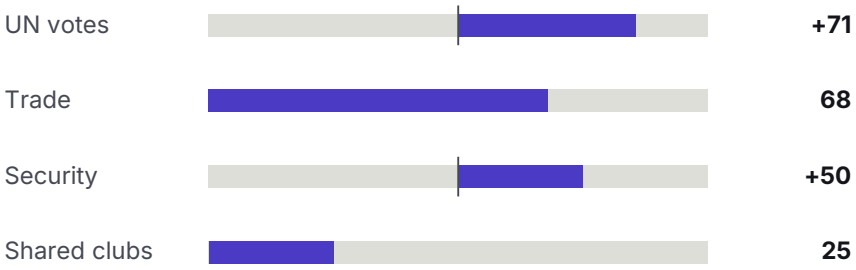
# Spain & United Kingdom

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**Very close**

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

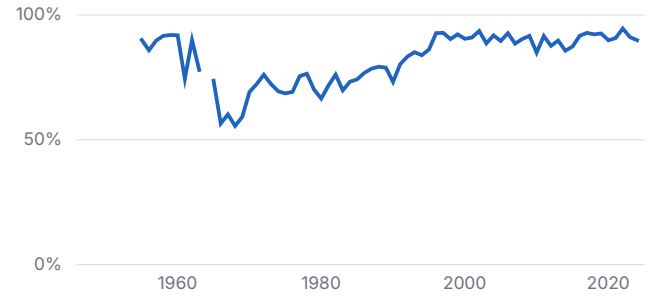



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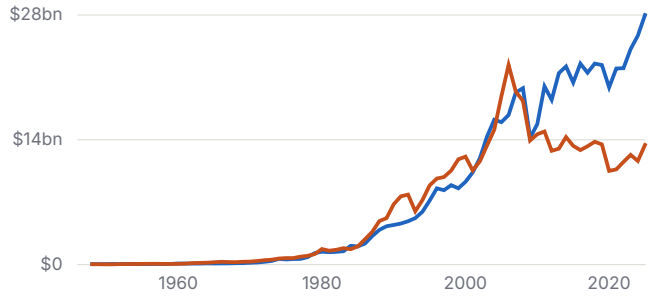
- They are military allies in NATO, and no armed conflict between them is recorded.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 92% (2022–2024), among the highest either of them has with any country.
- Trade in goods ($39 billion a year) is important for Spain, and about as important for the United Kingdom.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Spain names the United Kingdom far more often than the reverse (186 sentences against 6).
- 295,000 people born in the United Kingdom live in Spain (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved).

## OVER TIME

**Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way**



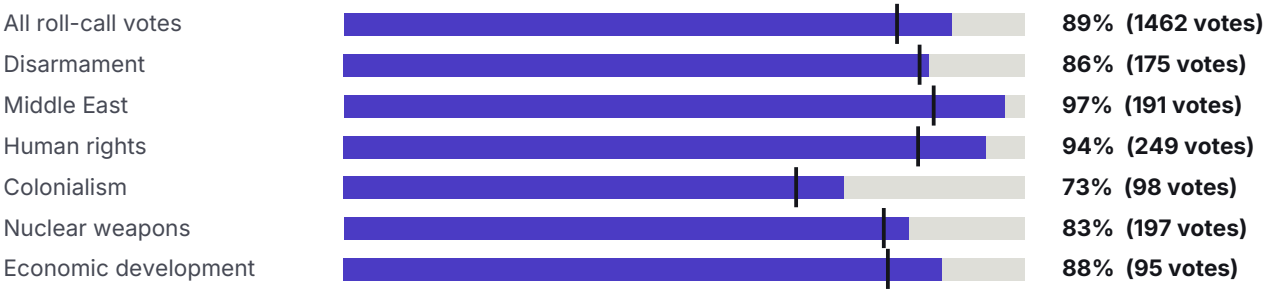

**Goods exports each way (US dollars)**




Spain sells to United Kingdom  United Kingdom sells to Spain

## VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on Middle East (97% of votes the same), furthest apart on colonialism (73%), against 89% 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

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| **UN votes** | At the UN, the vote agreement of Spain and the United Kingdom was 92% in 2022–2024. For Spain, the United Kingdom is the 34th closest voting partner out of 191; for the United Kingdom, Spain is the 24th closest partner. |
| **Trade** | Trade in goods between them averaged $39 billion a year in 2023–2025: 4.4% of all Spain's trade and 3.2% of the United Kingdom's. The United Kingdom is Spain's 8th largest trading partner. |
| **Words** | Since 1946, Spain has named the United Kingdom in 186 sentences of its General Debate speeches; the United Kingdom has named Spain in 6. |
| **Security** | Both are NATO members, and no armed conflict between them is recorded. |
| **People** | 212,000 people born in Spain live in the United Kingdom and 295,000 born in the United Kingdom live in Spain (2024, UN DESA). |
| **People** | Their national football teams have met 29 times. |

## HOW SURE WE ARE

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| **UN votes** | **High** | 270 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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