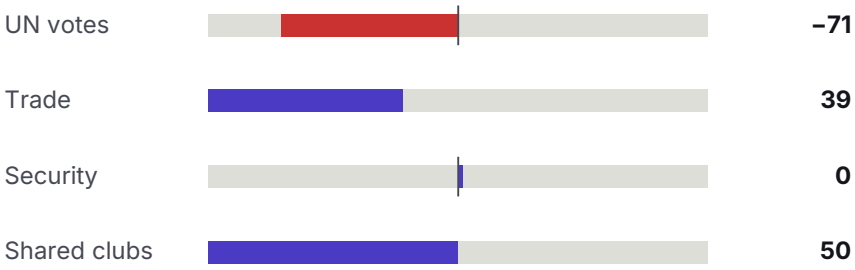
France & Russia

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Distant

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

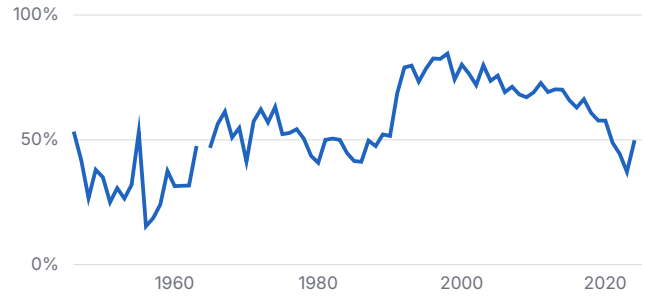


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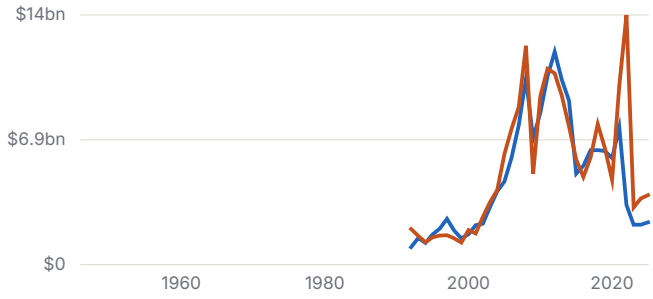
- Armed conflict: UCDP records them on opposite sides of the war in North Korea, South Korea, each supporting a side, most recently in 1953. (Russia was then part of the Soviet Union.)
- At the UN their vote agreement is 44% (2022–2024), among the lowest either of them has with any country.
- Trade in goods ($5.8 billion a year) is modest for Russia, less so for France.
- At the UN they name each other about equally often (197 and 181 sentences).
- 85,000 people born in Russia live in France (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved). A separate count, by UNHCR: 39,000 refugees and asylum seekers from Russia in France; the two counts measure different things and are not added up.

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



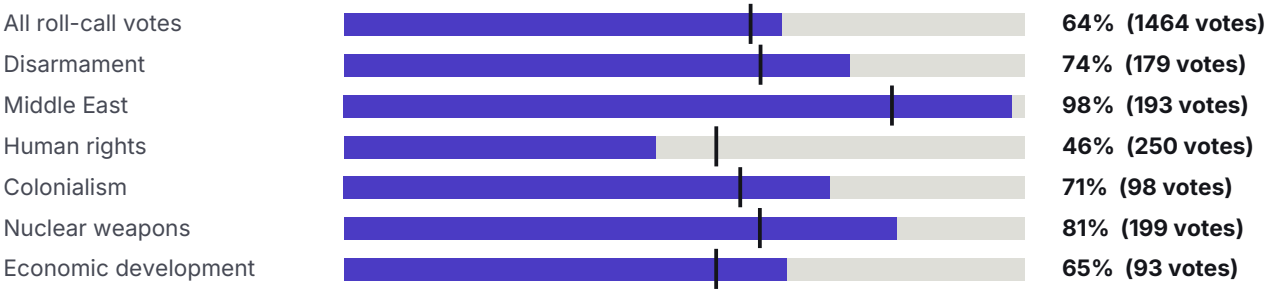
Goods exports each way (US dollars)



France sells to Russia Russia sells to France

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on Middle East (98% of votes the same), furthest apart on human rights (46%), against 64% 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 France and Russia was 44% in 2022–2024. For France, Russia is the 5th most distant voting partner out of 191; for Russia, France is the 53rd most distant partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $5.8 billion a year in 2023–2025: 0.4% of all France's trade and 0.9% of Russia's.
Words	Since 1946, France has named Russia in 197 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Russia has named France in 181.
Security	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program records them supporting opposite sides of a third party's armed conflict (North Korea, South Korea, 1950–1953).
People	2,000 people born in France live in Russia and 85,000 born in Russia live in France (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 19 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	272 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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