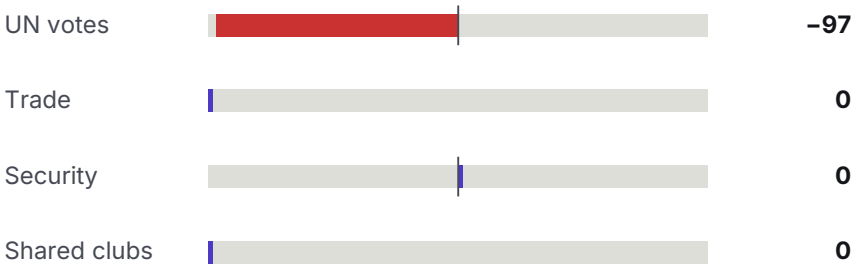
United Kingdom & North Korea

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Opposed

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

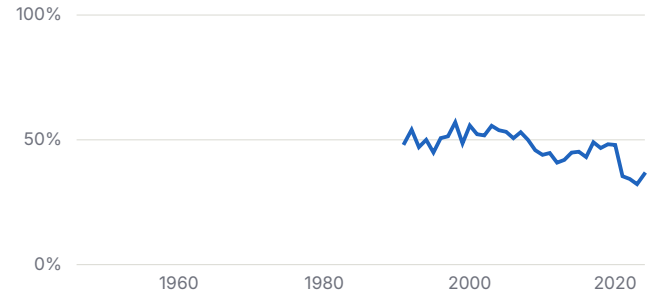


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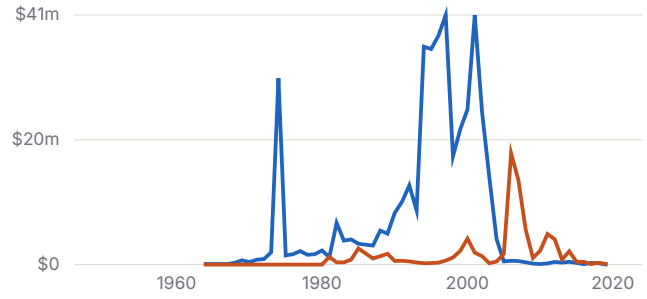
- Armed conflict: UCDP records them on opposite sides of the conflict in North Korea, South Korea, with the United Kingdom supporting another party, most recently in 1953.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 34% (2022–2024), among the lowest either of them has with any country.
- They have no recorded trade in goods.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, the United Kingdom names North Korea far more often than the reverse (14 sentences against 0).
- 315 people born in the United Kingdom live in North Korea (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved).

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



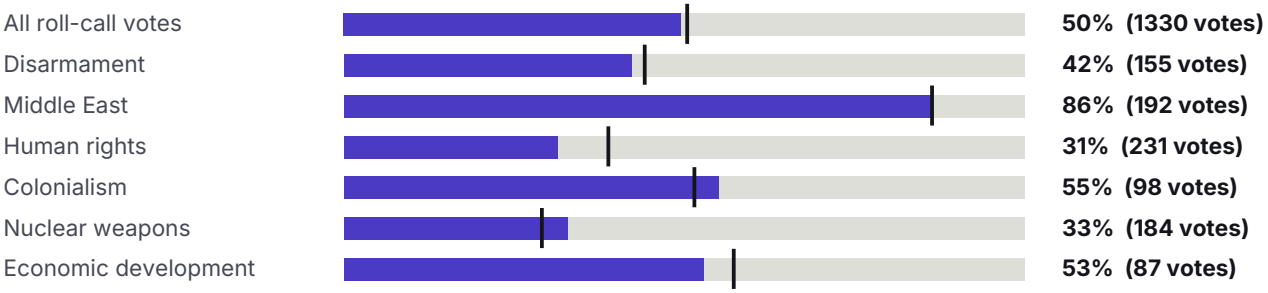
Goods exports each way (US dollars)



United Kingdom sells to North Korea North Korea sells to United Kingdom

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on Middle East (86% of votes the same), furthest apart on human rights (31%), against 50% 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 the United Kingdom and North Korea was 34% in 2022–2024. For the United Kingdom, North Korea is the 2nd most distant voting partner out of 191; for North Korea, the United Kingdom is the 5th most distant partner.
Trade	No trade in goods between them is recorded for 2023–2025.
Words	Since 1946, the United Kingdom has named North Korea in 14 sentences of its General Debate speeches; North Korea has named the United Kingdom in 0.
Security	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program records them on opposite sides of armed conflict, one of them supporting another party (North Korea, South Korea, 1950–1953).
People	315 people born in the United Kingdom live in North Korea (2024, UN DESA).

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	243 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	**Low**	No goods trade is reported for 2023–2025, so the score is 0. The data cannot tell zero trade from trade that was not reported.
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	**Low**	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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