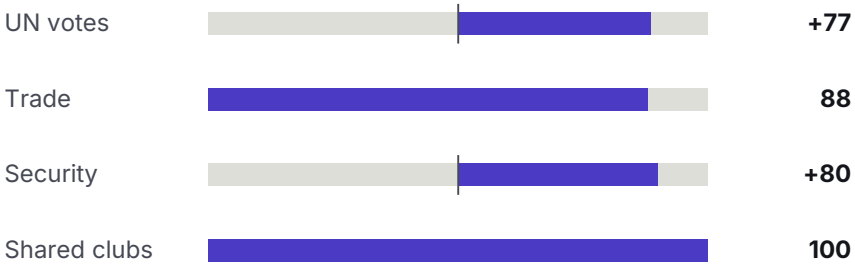
United Kingdom & United States

The 'special relationship'.

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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.

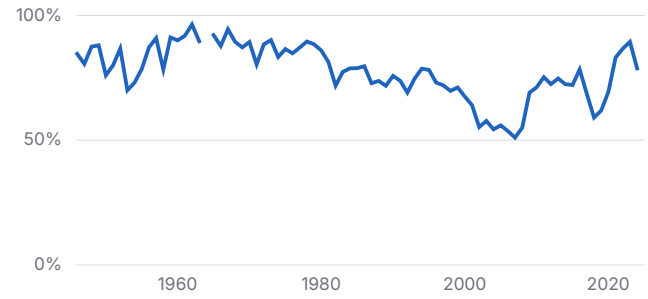


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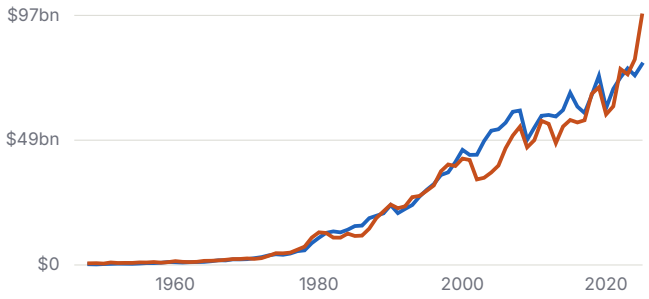
- They are military allies in NATO, and no armed conflict between them is recorded.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 85% (2022–2024), among the highest either of them has with any country.
- Trade in goods ($160 billion a year) is very important for the United Kingdom, much less so for the United States.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, the United Kingdom names the United States far more often than the reverse (224 sentences against 50).
- 895,000 people born in the United Kingdom live in the United States (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved).

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



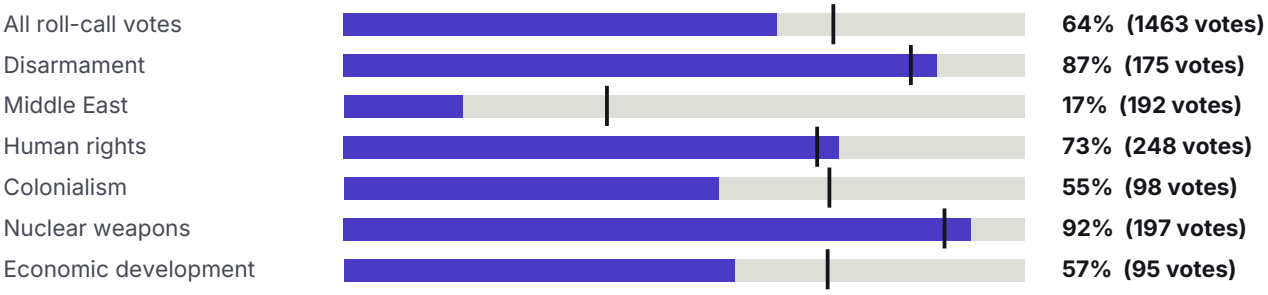
Goods exports each way (US dollars)



United Kingdom sells to United States · United States sells to United Kingdom

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on nuclear weapons (92% of votes the same), furthest apart on Middle East (17%), 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 the United Kingdom and the United States was 85% in 2022–2024. For the United Kingdom, the United States is the 42nd closest voting partner out of 191; for the United States, the United Kingdom is the 3rd closest partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $160 billion a year in 2023–2025: 13.0% of all the United Kingdom's trade and 3.1% of the United States'. The United States is the United Kingdom's largest trading partner.
Words	Since 1946, the United Kingdom has named the United States in 224 sentences of its General Debate speeches; the United States has named the United Kingdom in 50.
Security	Both are NATO members, and no armed conflict between them is recorded.
People	895,000 people born in the United Kingdom live in the United States and 244,000 born in the United States live in the United Kingdom (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 12 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

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.

MOMENTS (EDITORIAL CONTEXT, NEVER PART OF A SCORE)

1949 Founding members of NATO
2003 US-led invasion of Iraq, joined by the UK

SOURCES AND HOW TO CITE

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