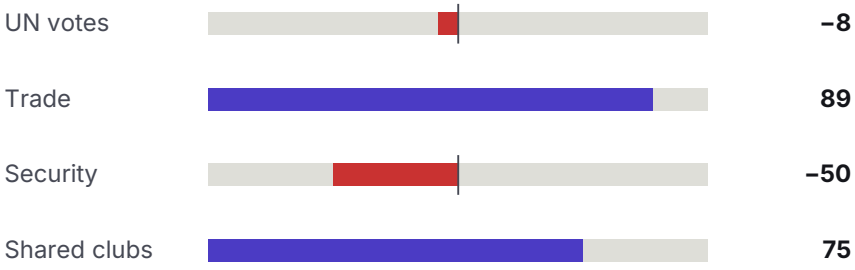
India & China

Giant neighbours along a disputed border.

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Neutral

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

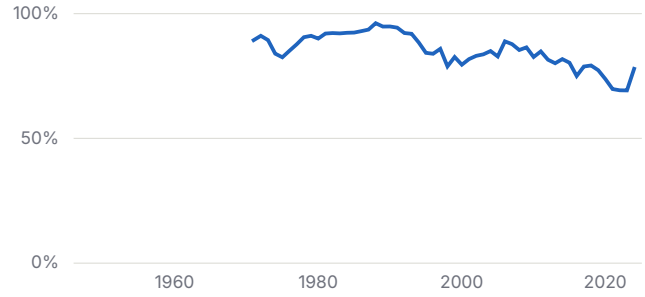


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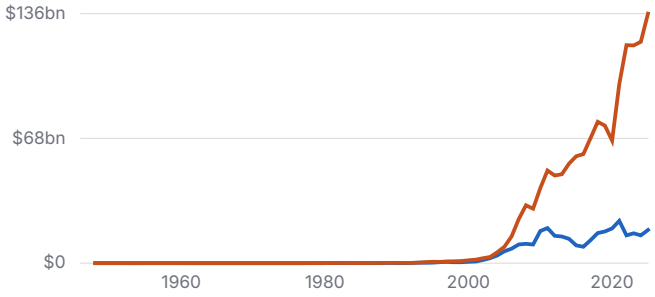
- Armed conflict: UCDP records them on opposite sides, as main parties, most recently in 2020.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 72% (2022–2024), about average for both of them.
- Trade in goods ($142 billion a year) is very important for India, much less so for China.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, India names China far more often than the reverse (207 sentences against 55).
- 88,000 people born in China live in India (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved). A separate count, by UNHCR: 63,000 refugees and asylum seekers from China in India; the two counts measure different things and are not added up.

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



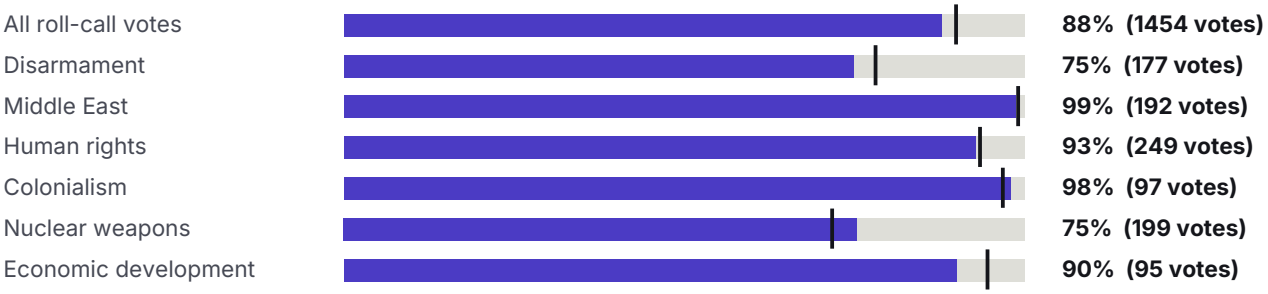
Goods exports each way (US dollars)



India sells to China China sells to India

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on Middle East (99% of votes the same), furthest apart on disarmament (75%), against 88% 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 India and China was 72% in 2022–2024. For India, China is the 85th most distant voting partner out of 191; for China, India is the 92nd most distant partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $142 billion a year in 2023–2025: 13.3% of all India's trade and 2.9% of China's. China is India's largest trading partner.
Words	Since 1946, India has named China in 207 sentences of its General Debate speeches; China has named India in 55.
Security	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program records them on opposite sides of armed conflict (China, India, 1962–2020).
People	7,800 people born in India live in China and 88,000 born in China live in India (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 14 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	268 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)

1962 Border war
2020 Deadly clash in the Galwan Valley

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