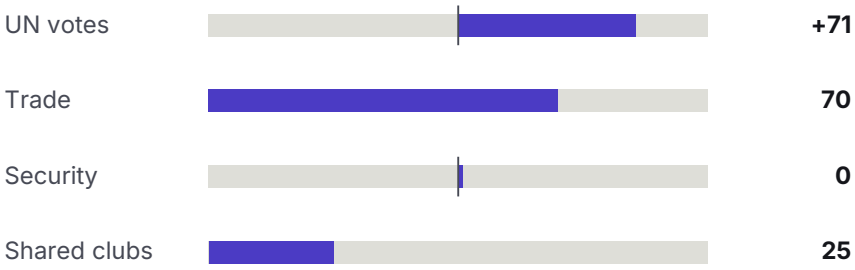
Iran & Russia

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Close

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

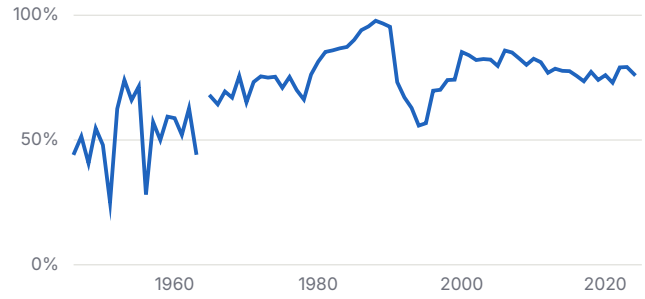


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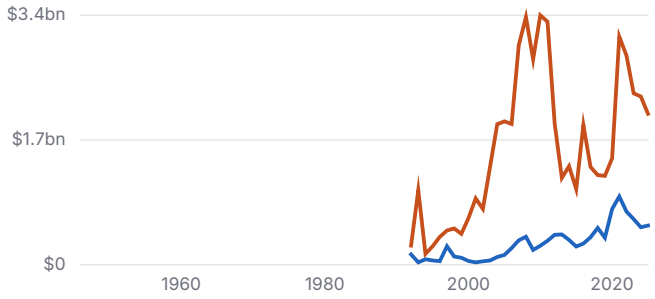
- Armed conflict: UCDP records them on opposite sides of the conflict in Iran, with Russia supporting another party, in 1946. (Russia was then part of the Soviet Union.)
- At the UN their vote agreement is 78% (2022–2024), among the highest either of them has with any country.
- Trade in goods ($2.8 billion a year) is important for Iran, much less so for Russia.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Iran names Russia more often than the reverse (74 sentences against 49).
- 922 people born in Iran live in Russia (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved).

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



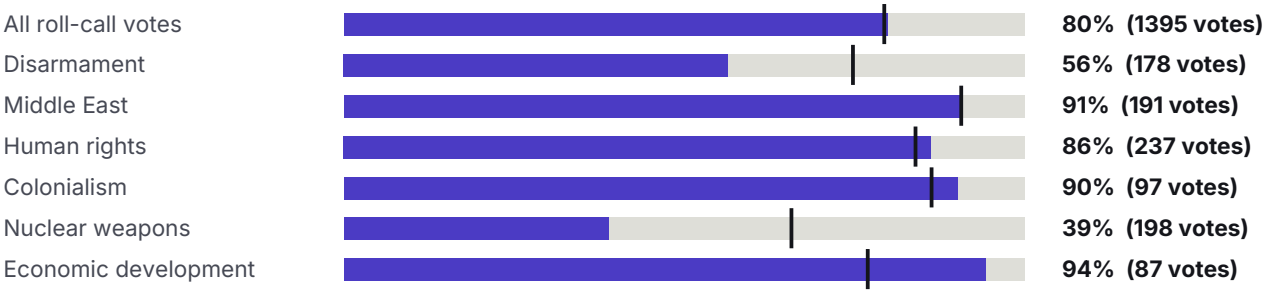
Goods exports each way (US dollars)



Iran sells to Russia Russia sells to Iran

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on economic development (94% of votes the same), furthest apart on nuclear weapons (39%), against 80% 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 Iran and Russia was 78% in 2022–2024. For Iran, Russia is the 51st closest voting partner out of 191; for Russia, Iran is the 7th closest partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $2.8 billion a year in 2023–2025: 4.9% of all Iran's trade and 0.4% of Russia's. Russia is Iran's 5th largest trading partner.
Words	Since 1946, Iran has named Russia in 74 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Russia has named Iran in 49.
Security	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program records them on opposite sides of armed conflict, one of them supporting another party (Iran, 1946).
People	922 people born in Iran live in Russia (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 7 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	259 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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