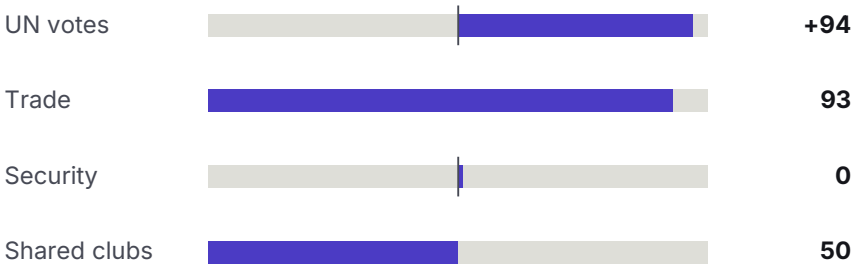
# Laos & Viet Nam

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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.

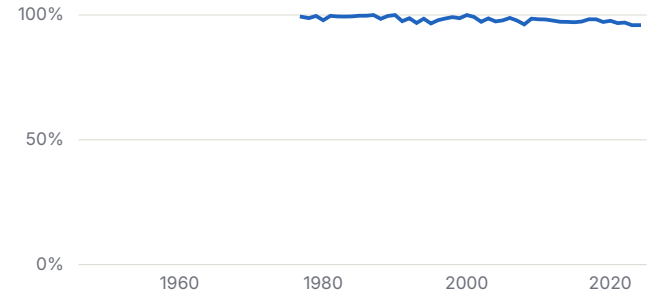



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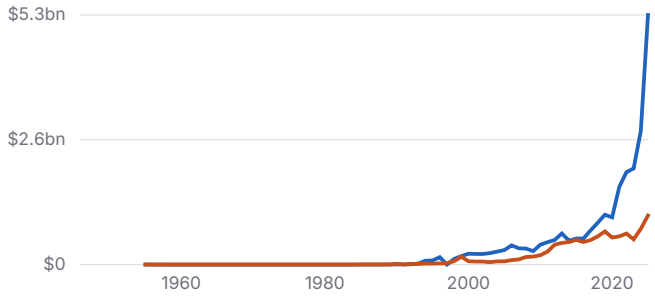
- Armed conflict: UCDP records them on opposite sides of the conflict in Laos, with Viet Nam supporting another party, most recently in 1973.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 96% (2022–2024), among the highest either of them has with any country.
- Trade in goods ($4.2 billion a year) is very important for Laos, much less so for Viet Nam.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Laos names Viet Nam more often than the reverse (108 sentences against 67).
- 21,000 people born in Viet Nam live in Laos (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved).

## OVER TIME

**Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way**

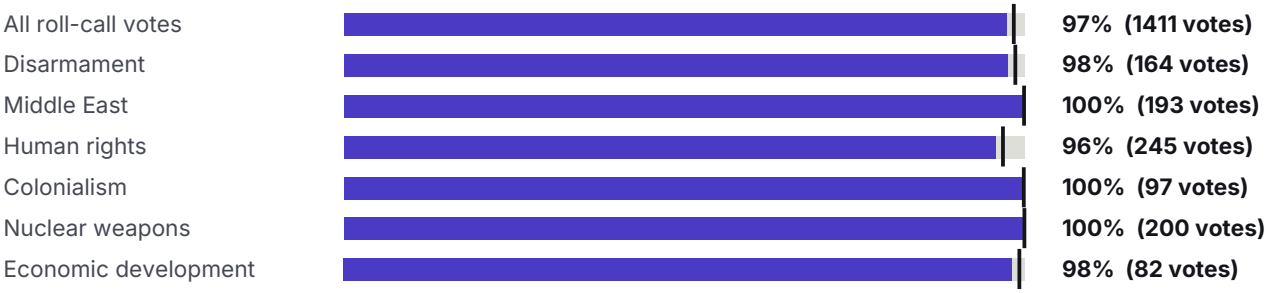



**Goods exports each way (US dollars)**




Laos sells to Viet Nam  Viet Nam sells to Laos

## VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (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

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| **UN votes** | At the UN, the vote agreement of Laos and Viet Nam was 96% in 2022–2024. For Laos, Viet Nam is the 5th closest voting partner out of 191; for Viet Nam, Laos is the 9th closest partner. |
| **Trade** | Trade in goods between them averaged $4.2 billion a year in 2023–2025: 17.2% of all Laos' trade and 0.6% of Viet Nam's. Viet Nam is Laos' 3rd largest trading partner. |
| **Words** | Since 1946, Laos has named Viet Nam in 108 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Viet Nam has named Laos in 67. |
| **Security** | The Uppsala Conflict Data Program records them on opposite sides of armed conflict, one of them supporting another party (Laos, 1963–1973). |
| **People** | 21,000 born in Viet Nam live in Laos (2024, UN DESA). |
| **People** | Their national football teams have met 16 times. |

## HOW SURE WE ARE

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| **UN votes** | **High** | 260 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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