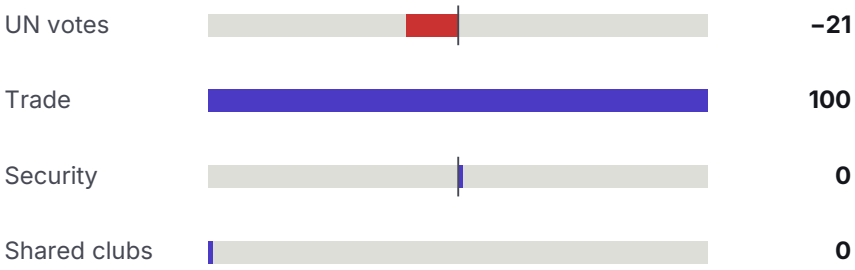
New Zealand & Tonga

+13

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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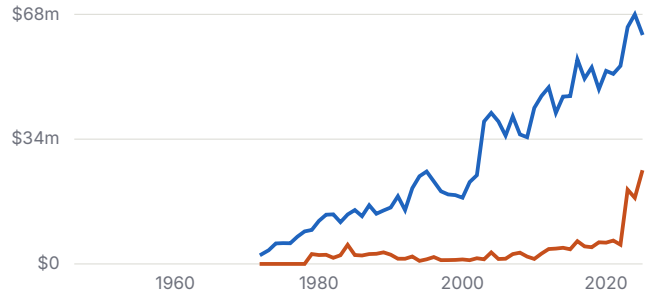
- At the UN their vote agreement is 73% (2022–2024), lower than either of them has with most countries.
- Trade in goods ($86 million a year) is very important for Tonga, much less so for New Zealand.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Tonga names New Zealand more often than the reverse (13 sentences against 8).
- 30,000 people born in Tonga live in New Zealand (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved).

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



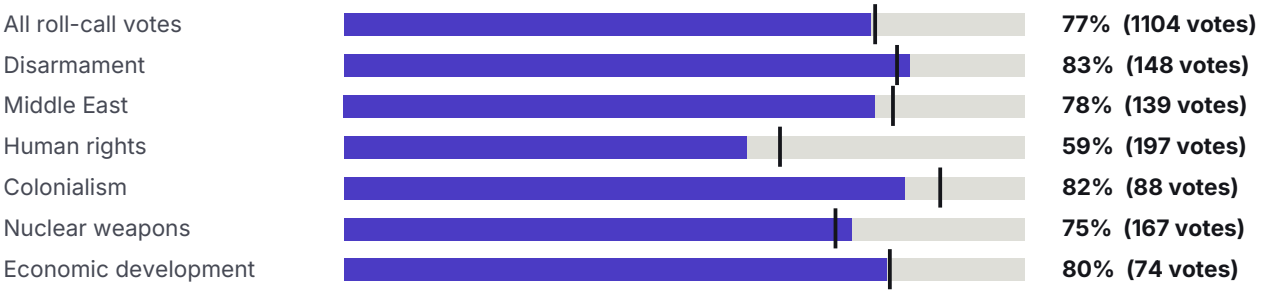
Goods exports each way (US dollars)



New Zealand sells to Tonga Tonga sells to New Zealand

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on disarmament (83% of votes the same), furthest apart on human rights (59%), against 77% 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 New Zealand and Tonga was 73% in 2022–2024. For New Zealand, Tonga is the 80th most distant voting partner out of 191; for Tonga, New Zealand is the 72nd most distant partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $86 million a year in 2023–2025: 0.1% of all New Zealand's trade and 28.0% of Tonga's.
Words	Since 1946, New Zealand has named Tonga in 8 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Tonga has named New Zealand in 13.
Security	No armed conflict between the two governments is recorded since 1946 (UCDP, data to 2025).
People	30,000 born in Tonga live in New Zealand (2024, UN DESA).

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	156 shared votes on whole texts in 2022–2024, the years the headline share covers. With that many, a share is good to about ±8 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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