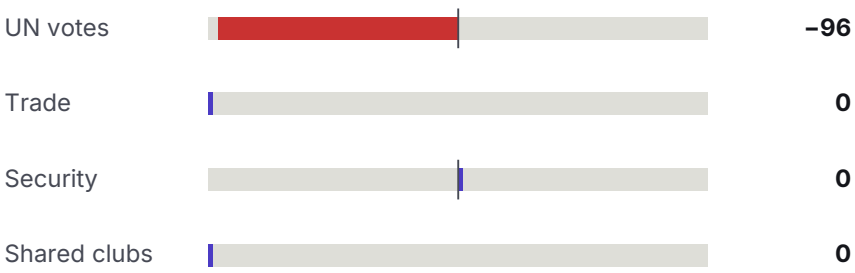
North Korea & Australia

−34

Opposed

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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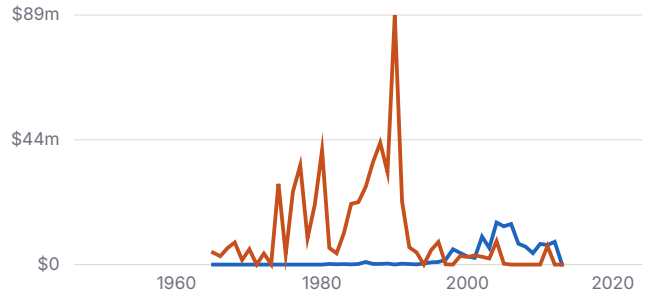
- Armed conflict: UCDP records them on opposite sides of the war in South Vietnam, Viet Nam, each supporting a side, most recently in 1972.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 35% (2022–2024), among the lowest either of them has with any country.
- They have no recorded trade in goods.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Australia names North Korea far more often than the reverse (34 sentences against 0).
- 208 people born in Australia live in North Korea (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)



North Korea sells to Australia Australia sells to North Korea

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on colonialism (66% of votes the same), furthest apart on human rights (21%), against 49% 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 North Korea and Australia was 35% in 2022–2024. For North Korea, Australia is the 9th most distant voting partner out of 191; for Australia, North Korea is the most distant partner.
Trade	No trade in goods between them is recorded for 2023–2025.
Words	Since 1946, North Korea has named Australia in 0 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Australia has named North Korea in 34.
Security	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program records them supporting opposite sides of a third party's armed conflict (South Vietnam, Viet Nam, 1965–1972).
People	208 born in Australia live in North Korea (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 3 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	244 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	**Low**	No goods trade is reported for 2023–2025, so the score is 0. The data cannot tell zero trade from trade that was not reported.
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	**Low**	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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