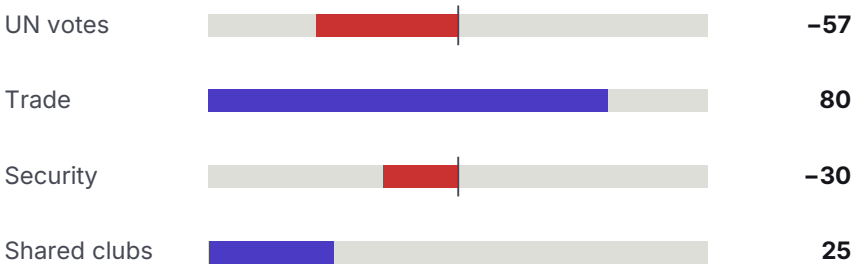
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Distant

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

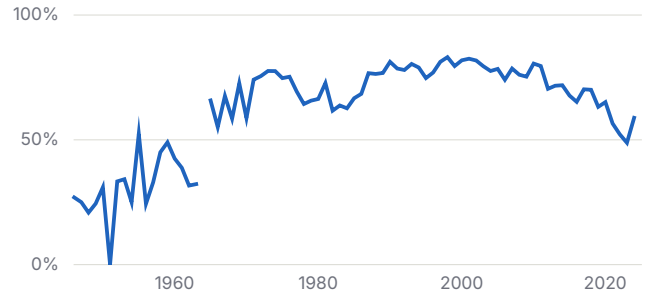


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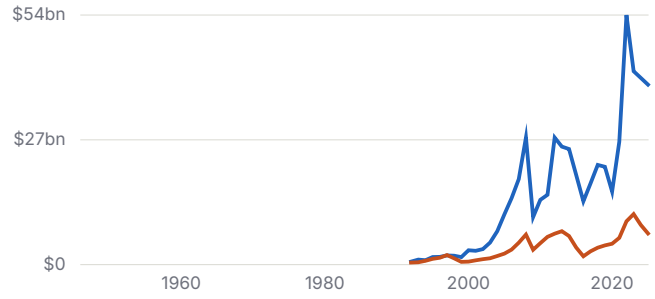
- Armed conflict: UCDP records them on opposite sides of the war in Syria, each supporting a side, most recently in 2024.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 53% (2022–2024), lower than either of them has with most countries.
- Trade in goods ($49 billion a year) is important for Türkiye, and about as important for Russia.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Türkiye names Russia more often than the reverse (69 sentences against 25).
- 193,000 people born in Russia live in Türkiye (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved).

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



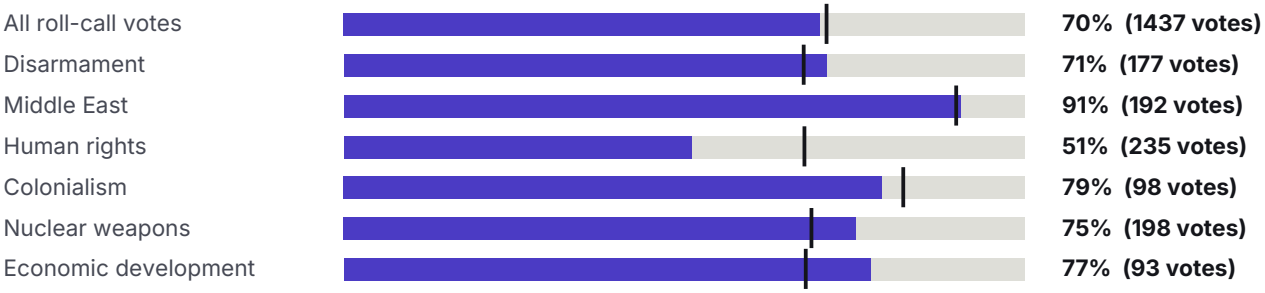
Goods exports each way (US dollars)



Russia sells to Türkiye Türkiye sells to Russia

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on Middle East (91% of votes the same), furthest apart on human rights (51%), against 70% 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 Russia and Türkiye was 53% in 2022–2024. For Russia, Türkiye is the 79th most distant voting partner out of 191; for Türkiye, Russia is the 5th most distant partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $49 billion a year in 2023–2025: 7.5% of all Russia's trade and 8.4% of Türkiye's. Türkiye is Russia's 3rd largest trading partner.
Words	Since 1946, Russia has named Türkiye in 25 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Türkiye has named Russia in 69.
Security	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program records them supporting opposite sides of a third party's armed conflict (Syria, 2020–2024).
People	193,000 people born in Russia live in Türkiye and 9,100 born in Türkiye live in Russia (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 22 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	263 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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