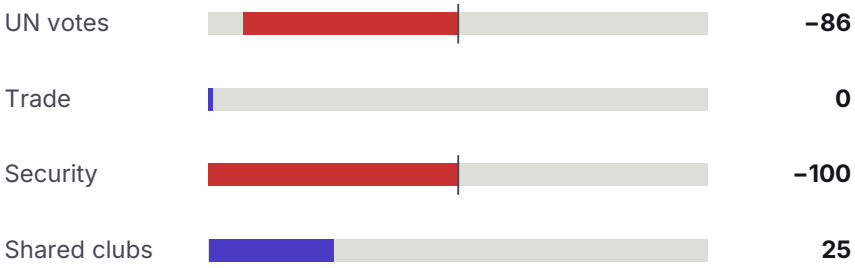
Russia & Ukraine

Former Soviet republics; at war since 2014, full-scale since 2022.

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Opposed

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

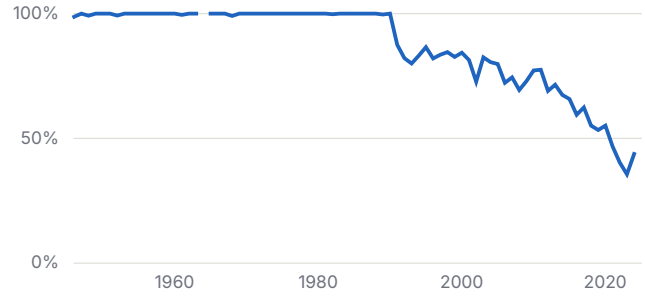


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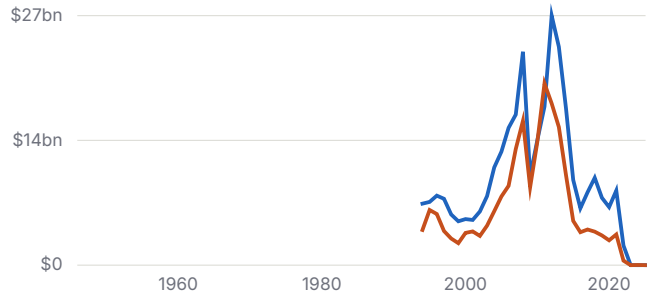
- Armed conflict: UCDP records them on opposite sides, as main parties, most recently in 2025.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 40% (2022–2024), among the lowest either of them has with any country.
- Trade in goods ($11 million a year) is a very small part of either country's trade, under 0.5%.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Ukraine names Russia far more often than the reverse (1,173 sentences against 63).
- 3.4 million people born in Russia live in Ukraine (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved).

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



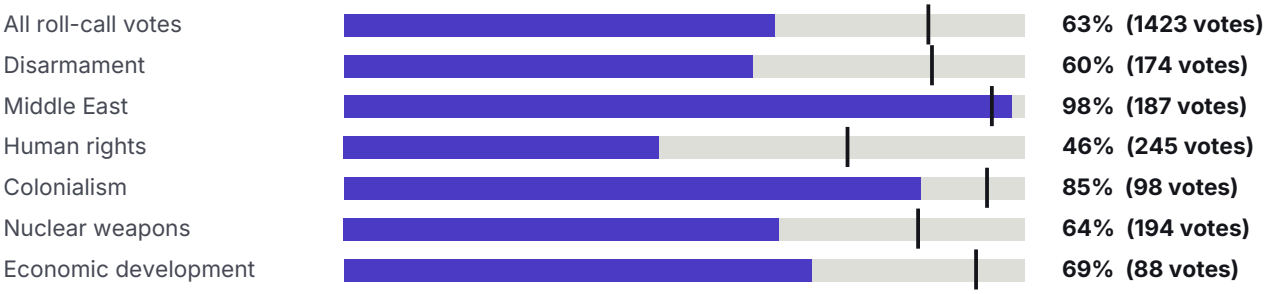
Goods exports each way (US dollars)



Russia sells to Ukraine Ukraine sells to Russia

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on Middle East (98% of votes the same), furthest apart on human rights (46%), against 63% 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 Ukraine was 40% in 2022–2024. For Russia, Ukraine is the 25th most distant voting partner out of 191; for Ukraine, Russia is the 3rd most distant partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $11 million a year in 2023–2025: less than 0.1% of all Russia's trade and less than 0.1% of Ukraine's.
Words	Since 1946, Russia has named Ukraine in 63 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Ukraine has named Russia in 1,173.
Security	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program records them on opposite sides of armed conflict (Russia, Ukraine, 2022–2025).
People	3.4 million people born in Russia live in Ukraine and 2.9 million born in Ukraine live in Russia (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met twice.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	264 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.

MOMENTS (EDITORIAL CONTEXT, NEVER PART OF A SCORE)

1991	Ukraine becomes independent
1994	Budapest Memorandum: security assurances for giving up nuclear weapons
2014	Russia annexes Crimea; war in Donbas begins
2022	Full-scale invasion

SOURCES AND HOW TO CITE

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