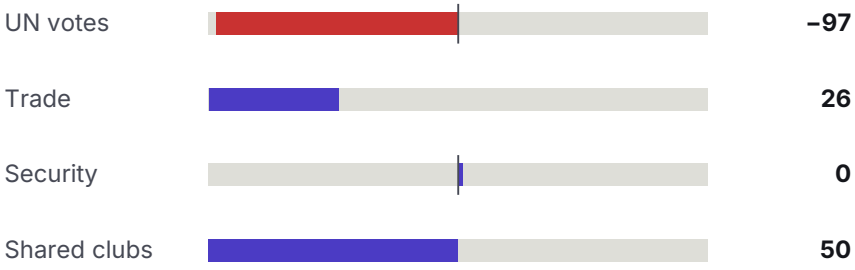
Russia & United States

Heirs of the Cold War rivalry: long tension, occasional cooperation.

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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.

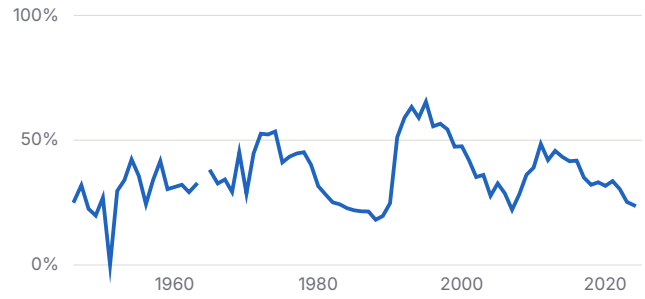


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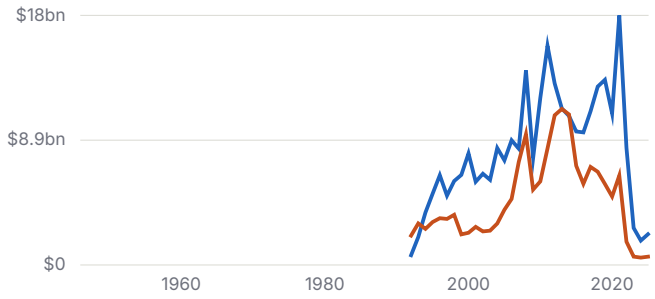
- Armed conflict: UCDP records them on opposite sides of the war in North Korea, South Korea, each supporting a side, most recently in 1953. (Russia was then part of the Soviet Union.)
- At the UN their vote agreement is 27% (2022–2024), among the lowest either of them has with any country.
- Trade in goods ($2.8 billion a year) is a very small part of either country's trade, under 0.5%.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Russia names the United States more often than the reverse (1,650 sentences against 557).
- 453,000 people born in Russia live in the United States (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved).

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



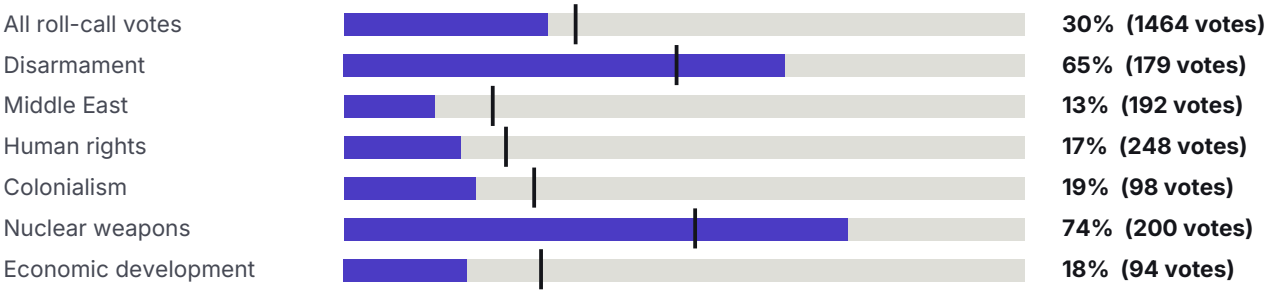
Goods exports each way (US dollars)



Russia sells to United States United States sells to Russia

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on nuclear weapons (74% of votes the same), furthest apart on Middle East (13%), against 30% 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 the United States was 27% in 2022–2024. For Russia, the United States is the most distant voting partner out of 191; for the United States, Russia is the 6th most distant partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $2.8 billion a year in 2023–2025: 0.4% of all Russia's trade and less than 0.1% of the United States'.
Words	Since 1946, Russia has named the United States in 1,650 sentences of its General Debate speeches; the United States has named Russia in 557.
Security	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program records them supporting opposite sides of a third party's armed conflict (North Korea, South Korea, 1950–1953).
People	453,000 people born in Russia live in the United States and 5,400 born in the United States live in Russia (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 9 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	271 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)

1962	Cuban Missile Crisis
1987	INF Treaty bans intermediate-range missiles
1991	The Soviet Union dissolves; Russia takes its UN seat
2014	Russia annexes Crimea; US sanctions follow
2022	Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine

SOURCES AND HOW TO CITE

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