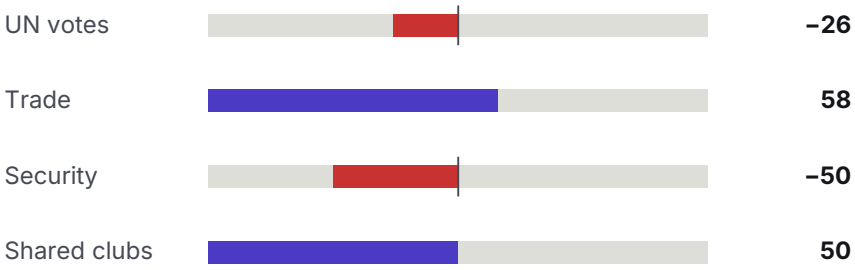
South Sudan & Sudan

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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.

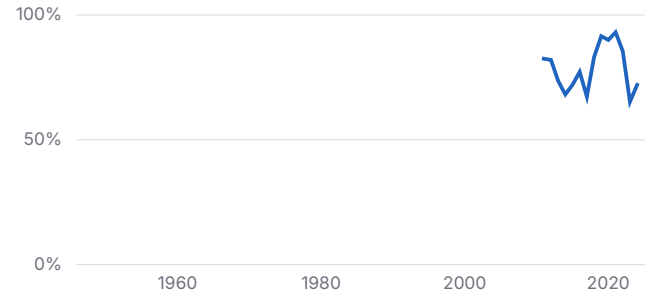


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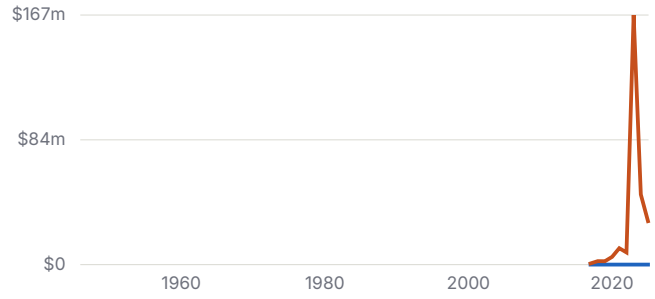
- Armed conflict: UCDP records them on opposite sides, as main parties, in 2012.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 74% (2022–2024), lower than either of them has with most countries.
- Only part of their trade in goods is on record ($81 million a year): the IMF data have no exports from South Sudan to Sudan in these years, which may mean there were none or that they were not reported.
- At the UN they name each other about equally often (92 and 69 sentences).
- 1.5 million people born in South Sudan live in Sudan (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved). A separate count, by UNHCR: 635,000 refugees and asylum seekers from South Sudan in Sudan; the two counts measure different things and are not added up.

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



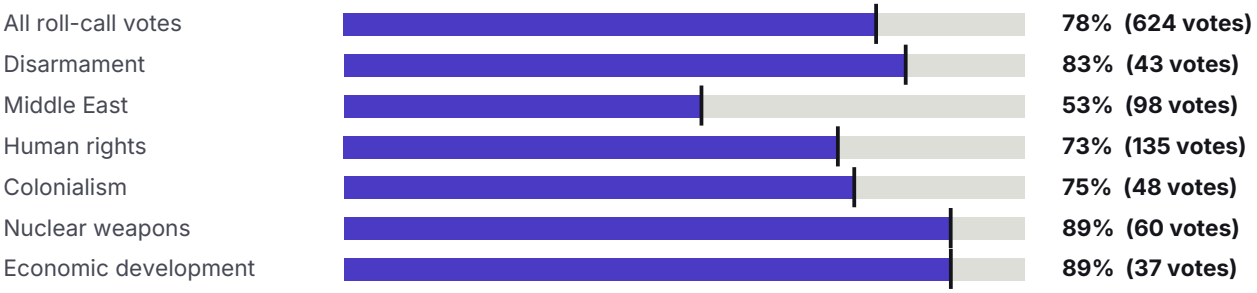
Goods exports each way (US dollars)



South Sudan sells to Sudan Sudan sells to South Sudan

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on economic development (89% of votes the same), furthest apart on Middle East (53%), against 78% 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 South Sudan and Sudan was 74% in 2022–2024. For South Sudan, Sudan is the 76th most distant voting partner out of 191; for Sudan, South Sudan is the 66th most distant partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $81 million a year in 2023–2025: 2.5% of all South Sudan's trade and 0.6% of Sudan's. Sudan is South Sudan's 8th largest trading partner.
Words	Since 1946, South Sudan has named Sudan in 92 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Sudan has named South Sudan in 69.
Security	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program records them on opposite sides of armed conflict (South Sudan, Sudan, 2012).
People	1.5 million people born in South Sudan live in Sudan and 609,000 born in Sudan live in South Sudan (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 4 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**Medium**	120 shared votes on whole texts in 2022–2024, the years the headline share covers. With that many, a share is good to about ±9 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	**Medium**	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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