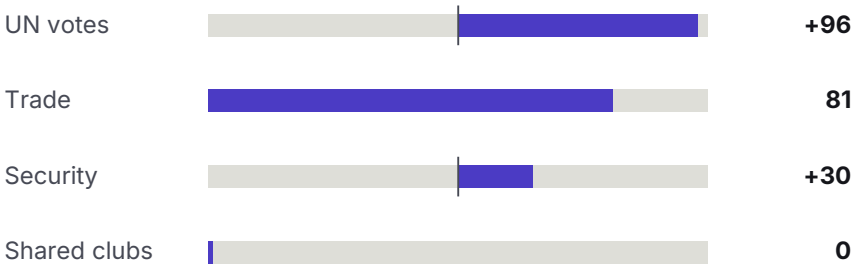
Syria & Russia

+59

Very close

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

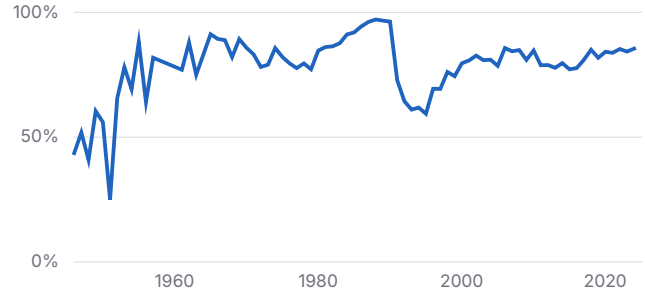


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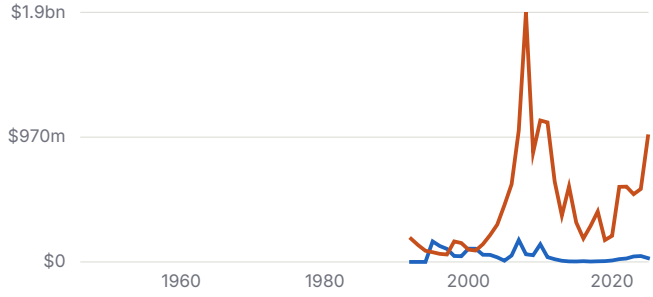
- At the UN their vote agreement is 85% (2022–2024), among the highest either of them has with any country.
- Trade in goods ($730 million a year) is important for Syria, much less so for Russia.
- At the UN they name each other about equally often (78 and 84 sentences).
- 4,700 people born in Syria live in Russia (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved). A separate count, by UNHCR: 3,700 refugees and asylum seekers from Syria in Russia; the two counts measure different things and are not added up.

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



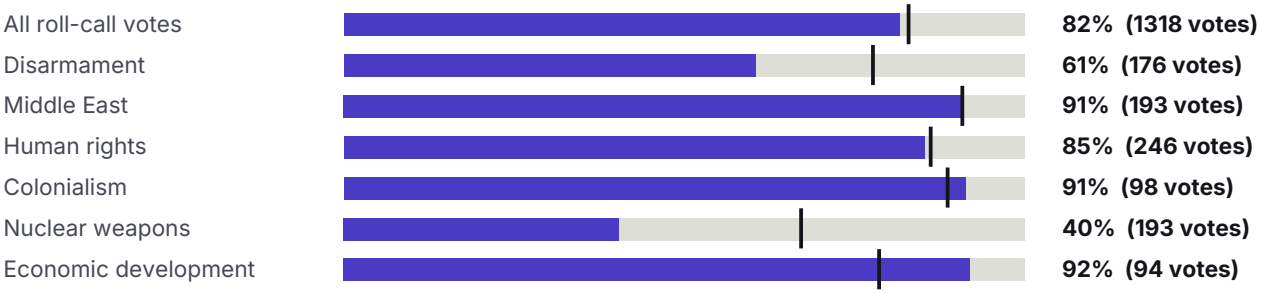
Goods exports each way (US dollars)



Syria sells to Russia Russia sells to Syria

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on economic development (92% of votes the same), furthest apart on nuclear weapons (40%), against 82% 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 Syria and Russia was 85% in 2022–2024. For Syria, Russia is the 8th closest voting partner out of 191; for Russia, Syria is the 2nd closest partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $730 million a year in 2023–2025: 8.6% of all Syria's trade and 0.1% of Russia's. Russia is Syria's 2nd largest trading partner.
Words	Since 1946, Syria has named Russia in 78 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Russia has named Syria in 84.
Security	No armed conflict between the two governments is recorded since 1946 (UCDP, data to 2025).
People	4,700 people born in Syria live in Russia (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met twice.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	248 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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