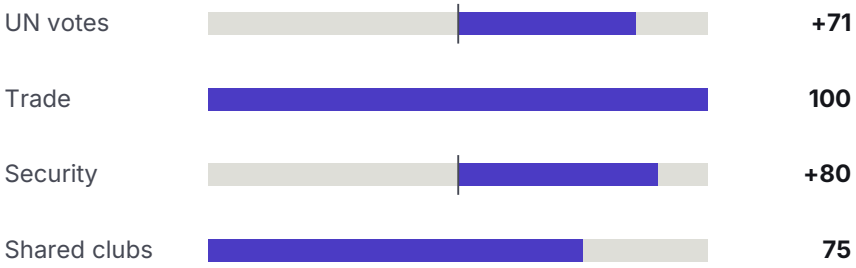
United States & Canada

The longest undefended border.

+80

Very close

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

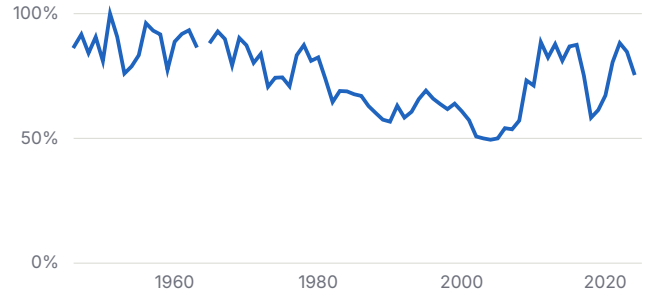


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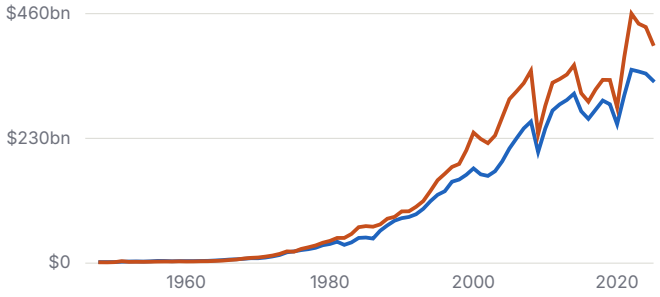
- They are military allies in NATO, and no armed conflict between them is recorded.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 83% (2022–2024), among the highest either of them has with any country.
- Trade in goods ($773 billion a year) is very important for Canada, much less so for the United States.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Canada names the United States far more often than the reverse (136 sentences against 11).
- 950,000 people born in Canada 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



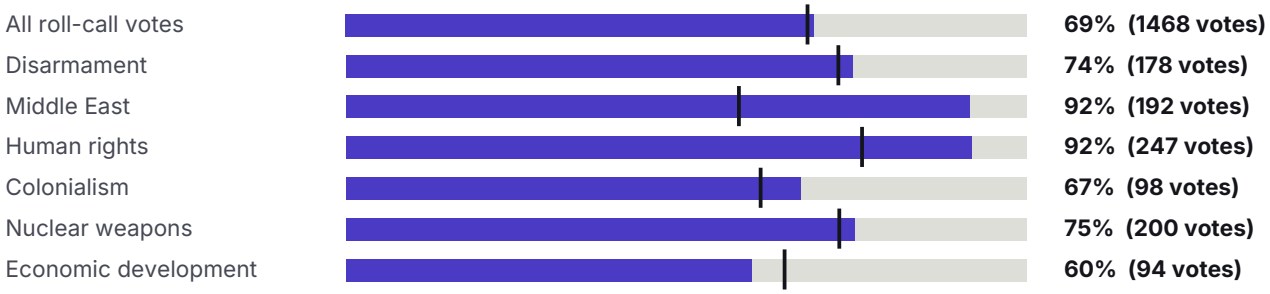
Goods exports each way (US dollars)



United States sells to Canada Canada sells to United States

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on human rights (92% of votes the same), furthest apart on economic development (60%), against 69% 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 the United States and Canada was 83% in 2022–2024. For the United States, Canada is the 5th closest voting partner out of 191; for Canada, the United States is the 52nd closest partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $773 billion a year in 2023–2025: 15.0% of all the United States' trade and 69.3% of Canada's. Canada is the United States' 2nd largest trading partner.
Words	Since 1946, the United States has named Canada in 11 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Canada has named the United States in 136.
Security	Both are NATO members, and no armed conflict between them is recorded.
People	257,000 people born in the United States live in Canada and 950,000 born in Canada live in the United States (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 43 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)

1994	NAFTA, with Mexico, enters into force
2025	US tariffs on Canadian goods and Canadian counter-tariffs

SOURCES AND HOW TO CITE

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