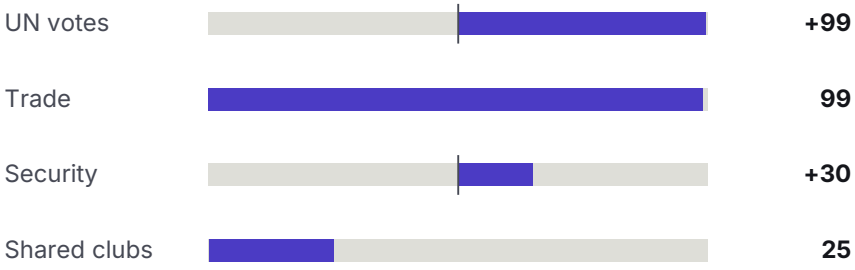
United States & Israel

On the same side of the vote almost nine times in ten.

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Very close

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

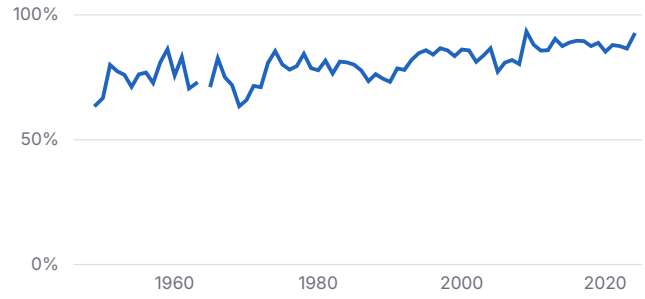


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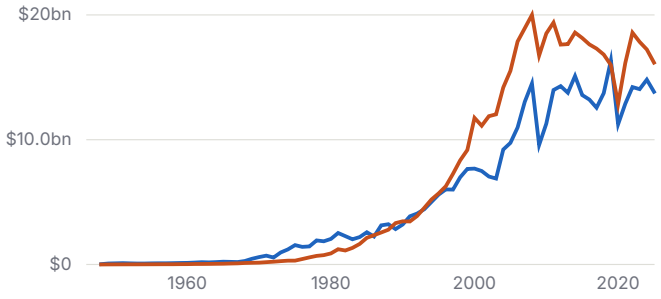
- At the UN their vote agreement is 89% (2022–2024), among the highest either of them has with any country.
- Trade in goods ($31 billion a year) is very important for Israel, much less so for the United States.
- At the UN they name each other about equally often (168 and 231 sentences).
- 170,000 people born in Israel 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

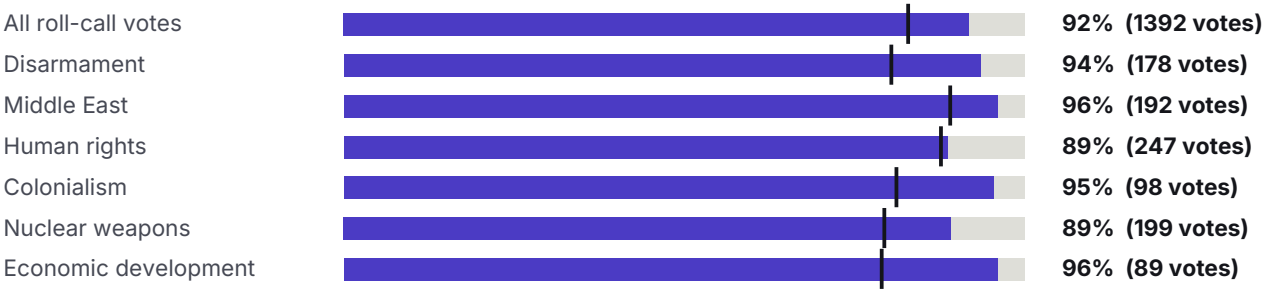


Goods exports each way (US dollars)



United States sells to Israel Israel sells to United States

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (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 Israel was 89% in 2022–2024. For the United States, Israel is the 2nd closest voting partner out of 191; for Israel, the United States is the closest partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $31 billion a year in 2023–2025: 0.6% of all the United States' trade and 23.0% of Israel's.
Words	Since 1946, the United States has named Israel in 168 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Israel has named the United States in 231.
Security	No armed conflict between the two governments is recorded since 1946 (UCDP, data to 2025).
People	97,000 people born in the United States live in Israel and 170,000 born in Israel live in the United States (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 6 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	266 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)

1948 The US recognises Israel minutes after its declaration
2017 US recognises Jerusalem as Israel's capital

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