United States & Papua New Guinea

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Neutral

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

UN votes	−24
Trade	44
Security	0
Shared clubs	0

IN SHORT

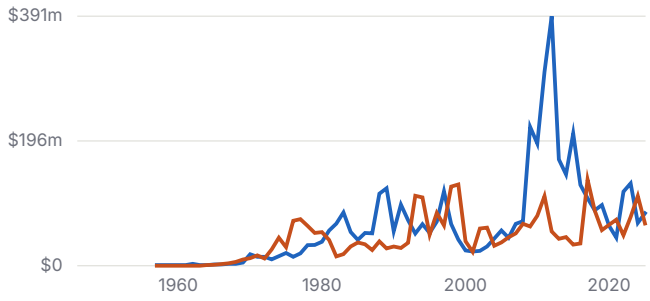
- At the UN their vote agreement is 65% (2022–2024), lower than either of them has with most countries.
- Trade in goods ($177 million a year) is modest for Papua New Guinea, much less so for the United States.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Papua New Guinea names the United States far more often than the reverse (83 sentences against 0).
- 735 people born in the United States live in Papua New Guinea (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 Papua New Guinea · Papua New Guinea sells to United States

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on human rights (40% of votes the same), furthest apart on nuclear weapons (23%), against 38% on all votes since 2010.

All roll-call votes	38% (1367 votes)
Disarmament	37% (178 votes)
Middle East	36% (179 votes)
Human rights	40% (239 votes)
Colonialism	24% (98 votes)
Nuclear weapons	23% (183 votes)
Economic development	29% (94 votes)

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 Papua New Guinea was 65% in 2022–2024. For the United States, Papua New Guinea is the 56th closest voting partner out of 191; for Papua New Guinea, the United States is the 11th most distant partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $177 million a year in 2023–2025: less than 0.1% of all the United States' trade and 1.1% of Papua New Guinea's.
Words	Since 1946, the United States has named Papua New Guinea in 0 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Papua New Guinea has named the United States in 83.
Security	No armed conflict between the two governments is recorded since 1946 (UCDP, data to 2025).
People	735 people born in the United States live in Papua New Guinea (2024, UN DESA).

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	262 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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