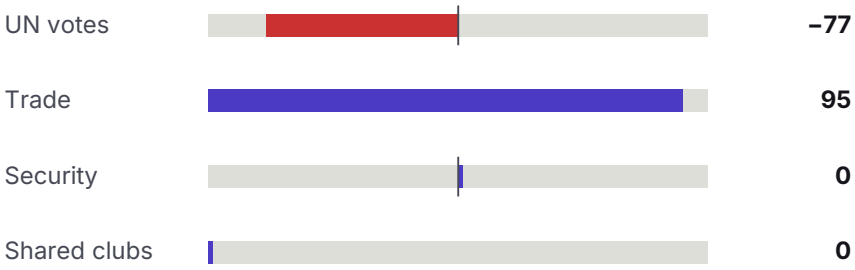
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Distant

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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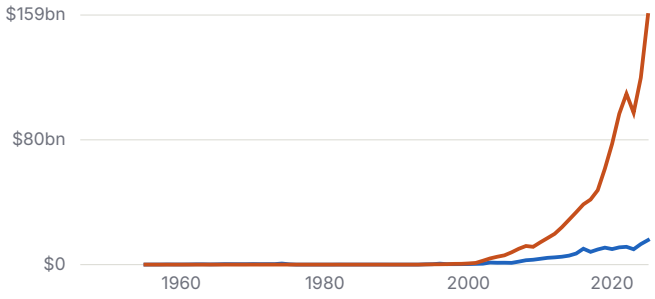
- Armed conflict: UCDP records them on opposite sides of the conflict in South Vietnam, Viet Nam, with the United States supporting another party, most recently in 1973.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 42% (2022–2024), among the lowest either of them has with any country.
- Trade in goods ($138 billion a year) is very important for Viet Nam, much less so for the United States.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Viet Nam names the United States far more often than the reverse (161 sentences against 20).
- 1.4 million people born in Viet Nam 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



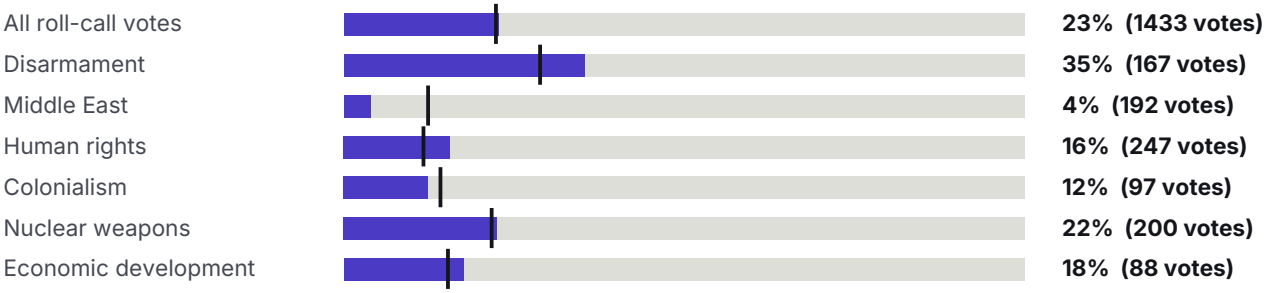
Goods exports each way (US dollars)



United States sells to Viet Nam Viet Nam sells to United States

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on disarmament (35% of votes the same), furthest apart on Middle East (4%), against 23% 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 Viet Nam was 42% in 2022–2024. For the United States, Viet Nam is the 44th most distant voting partner out of 191; for Viet Nam, the United States is the 2nd most distant partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $138 billion a year in 2023–2025: 2.7% of all the United States' trade and 18.5% of Viet Nam's. Viet Nam is the United States' 8th largest trading partner.
Words	Since 1946, the United States has named Viet Nam in 20 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Viet Nam has named the United States in 161.
Security	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program records them on opposite sides of armed conflict, one of them supporting another party (South Vietnam, Viet Nam, 1965–1973).
People	1.4 million born in Viet Nam live in the United States (2024, UN DESA).

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	261 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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