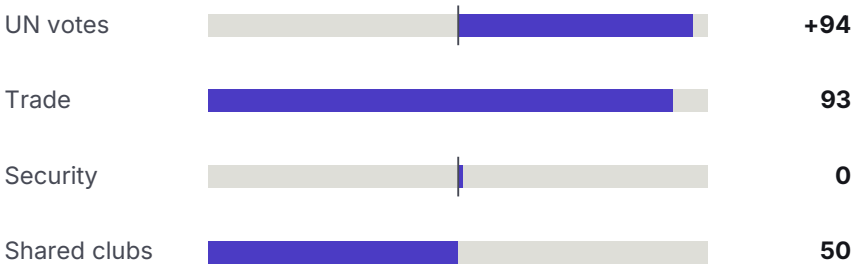
Viet Nam & Laos

+59

Very close

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

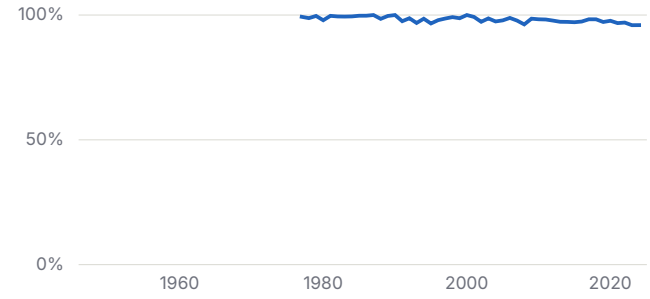


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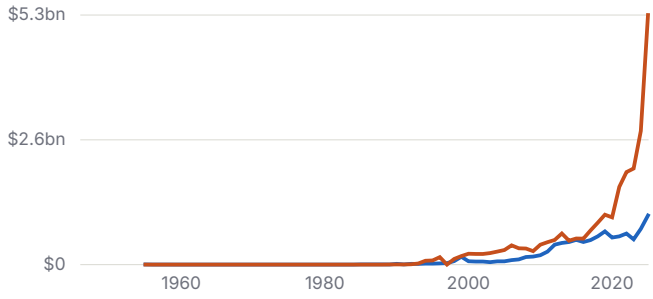
- Armed conflict: UCDP records them on opposite sides of the conflict in Laos, with Viet Nam supporting another party, most recently in 1973.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 96% (2022–2024), among the highest either of them has with any country.
- Trade in goods ($4.2 billion a year) is very important for Laos, much less so for Viet Nam.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Laos names Viet Nam more often than the reverse (108 sentences against 67).
- 21,000 people born in Viet Nam live in Laos (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved).

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way

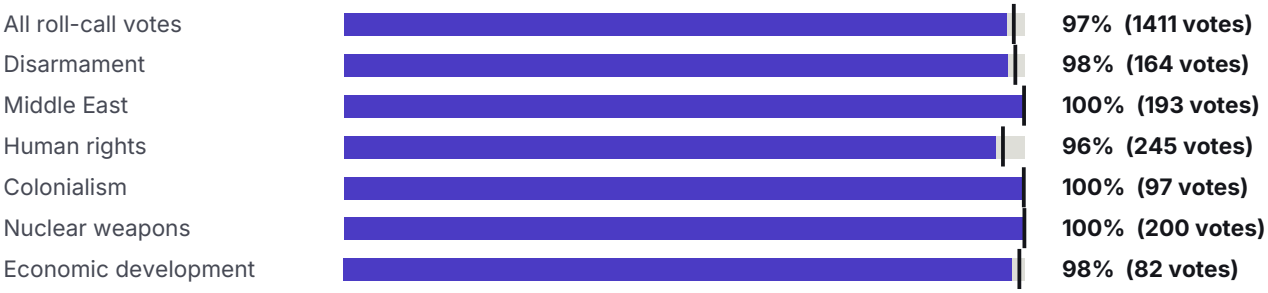


Goods exports each way (US dollars)



Viet Nam sells to Laos Laos sells to Viet Nam

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 Viet Nam and Laos was 96% in 2022–2024. For Viet Nam, Laos is the 9th closest voting partner out of 191; for Laos, Viet Nam is the 5th closest partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $4.2 billion a year in 2023–2025: 0.6% of all Viet Nam's trade and 17.2% of Laos'.
Words	Since 1946, Viet Nam has named Laos in 67 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Laos has named Viet Nam in 108.
Security	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program records them on opposite sides of armed conflict, one of them supporting another party (Laos, 1963–1973).
People	21,000 people born in Viet Nam live in Laos (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 16 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	260 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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