

Overview of vetoes cast from 1946 to present

Total number of vetoes (blocking adoption of 258 proposals, public and private) ¹		TOTAL VETOES CAST BY EACH PERMANENT MEMBER				
		China	France	USSR/ Russian Federation	United Kingdom	United States
Vetoes on applications for UN membership	60	2 ²	0	51 ³	0	7
Vetoes on issues of peace and security	253	19	18	101	30	84
Total vetoes on all proposals, as identified	312	21² <i>(18 since 1990)</i>	18 <i>(none since 1990)</i>	152³ <i>(38 since 1990)</i>	30 <i>(none since 1990)</i>	91 <i>(24 since 1990)</i>

¹ Two additional vetoes were recorded as having occurred during voting in private meetings on the recommendation of a Secretary-General. However, because the identity of the members casting those vetoes was not given in any official record, they have not been included in these totals. (Unofficially, the Soviet Union and the United States, respectively, acknowledged casting those vetoes.)

² The 1955 Chinese veto of Mongolia’s application for UN membership occurred during the time when the Republic of China represented China at the UN. The subsequent vetoes cast by China have occurred since the People’s Republic has represented China.

³ Of this total, 114 vetoes were cast under the name of the Soviet Union.