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# Exploring democracy in the Russian Federation: political regime, public opinion and international assistance


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liberties. Judging from regime features and popular opinion in Russia, the poor record of

international democracy assistance in Russia may not come as a surprise. Compared with 'traditional' democracy assistance, rule of law support corresponds more closely with the (limited) capabilities of external actors, with the priorities of the Russian citizens as well as with the self-declared ambitions and international commitments of the Russian leadership.

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