Chapter 25

**Knowledge based**

1. Why do the US and EU continue to be the main international sources of democracy support?
2. How do the different ways of supporting democracy compare with one another?
3. How do non-state actors compare with states as agents of democracy support?
4. How does autocracy support differ from democracy support?
5. Compare the different ways that different authoritarian regimes influence democracy’s prospects in other countries than their own.

**Critical thinking**

1. Should the international community concentrate on helping to bolster state power rather than simultaneously build democracy, in societies recently torn by civil war?
2. Could the democracies’ best way of supporting democratic progress elsewhere in the world be to improve their own democratic credentials or alternatively improve their economic performance?
3. Should Western democracies support ideas of democracy significantly different from Western liberal democracy—for example, ideas that accommodate political Islam?
4. What lessons must democracy support learn from its own past performance if it is to be fit for purpose in the future?
5. Compare the significance of international influences versus domestic influences on the type of political regime inside countries facing the prospect of significant political change.