

Roles of Election Observers

	Nonpartisan Observation	Partisan Observation	Election Protection
Demonstrates the community's interest and support for elections that are credible, transparent, accessible to all voters, and that represent a true democratic process			
Reinforces the efforts of civil society and voting rights groups in the electoral process and increases the credibility of their work			
Systematically collects data and publicly reports on adherence to election law during absentee voting, in-person voting, and vote tabulation			

Provides a <i>partial</i> assessment of the electoral process			
Provides public recommendations on ways to improve the election process			
Places observers inside polling locations			
Monitors outside polling locations and has internal reporting systems for incidences of voter suppression			
Enforces strict code of conduct holding observers accountable			