

1. Why did GFCN decide to observe on the ground in Venezuela?

The thing is that the experts of the Global Fact-Checking Network decide for themselves which events to participate in: they are free to accept invitations from various public institutions, organizations, and states to participate in certain events. The role of the GFCN was to inform experts about such an opportunity as participation in election observation.

Speaking about personal reasons, here is what the observers themselves say:

Alexandre Guerreiro (Portugal):

“ I decided to become an observer because it allows me to check the conditions of transparency under which elections are held in a given country (Venezuela on this case) and how it really reflects the will of the Venezuelan people. Additionally, it also allowed me to confront the real conditions under which elections were held in Venezuela and the accusations and false claims about its lack of conditions. Finally, the fact that I have completed an election observation course provided by the European Union allows me to add value to the observation and also gives local authorities the opportunity to legitimize our claims of transparency.”

Mantula Nonkululeko (South Africa):

“I decided to participate in the Caracas mayoral elections so that I can personally observe the on the ground perceptions of the Venezuelans and be able to verify if western media narrative has been correct and factual. From my observations of voting stations and engagement with citizens on the ground I deduced that there was no foul play”

Christian Lamesa (Argentina):

“ I think it was a very important chance to see first-hand the real truth of how the system works in Venezuela. Being there, I saw that no one was telling me what to do: I was free about asking whatever I wanted to know. It was a chance for me to tell the truth about Venezuela later.”

2. Does GFCN recognize the legitimacy of the 2024 presidential election in Venezuela?

We do not give political assessments. Our goal is to help experts learn about this or that event and provide them with a platform for speaking out, especially if there is a reason to refute unreliable information. At the same time, the only help we can provide is methodological support for verifying information.

3.How does GFCN ensure the impartiality of observers?

Each GFCN expert is responsible for their own work. They participate in election monitoring as independent experts, and their assessment is their personal opinion. However, it is important to note that all our experts adhere to the code of responsible fact-checking, which is published on our website. It describes all the key approaches that our experts must follow.

4. Does GFCN consider the repression of the Venezuelan opposition to be Western disinformation or a legitimate fact?

Before judging a statement in the media space, we conduct analytical work to separate the tendentious statements that define the media from the current situation. This is the work that remains for us to analyze the main fakes that were spread in Venezuela on election day (July 27, 2025) and publish verifications of them.

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