Observation Methods

**Participant-observer, researcher role hidden**

This means we act just like everyone else, and no one knows that we are collecting data.

Example: We enter the park photographing the evidence of a problem like smoking or litter, but without others knowing that is what we are doing.

**Participant-observer, researcher role known**

This means we act just like everyone else, but people can see we are collecting data.

Example: We enter the park photograph and also ask questions of park patrons about where they see smoking and the effects of smoking.