

DNA test shows Hitler skull is that of a woman

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- DNA tests done on Hitler skull fragment
- Result says it's skull of a woman
- Casts doubts on the death of Hitler

ADOLF Hitler may not have died in a bunker after fresh research suggests the skull thought to be the tyrant's was from a woman.

US archaeologist Nick Bellantoni found fragments from the skull believed to be Hitler's were too thin to be from a male, and suspected it was the remains of a much younger woman, *The Sun* reports.

"The bone seemed very thin - male bone tends to be more robust. It corresponds to a woman between the ages of 20 and 40," Dr Bellantoni said.

DNA tests performed in a US laboratory confirmed the remains could not have belonged to the Nazi leader.

The discovery casts doubt on the exact circumstances of Hitler's death and could force history books to be rewritten.

Original accounts of Hitler's death said he shot himself in the head in a bunker after taking a cyanide tablet on April 30, 1945 as the Russian army attacked Berlin.

His remains, along with those of his wife Eva Braun, were taken from the bunker, doused in petrol and set ablaze.

A year later, skull fragments were dug up by Russian forces which seemed to confirm Hitler had shot himself in the bunker.

In 1970, the KGB cremated Hitler's remains except for the skull fragment.

Dr Bellantoni was sceptical about the theory the skull fragments belong to Eva Braun, who was with Hitler in the bunker where he supposedly died.



Research on a skull fragment thought to be Adolf Hitler's has cast doubt on the circumstances of his death/ Reuters

"There is no report of Eva Braun having shot herself or having been shot afterwards. It could be anyone. Many people were killed around the bunker area," he said.

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Esther Pettersson of Robina Posted at 2:47pm today

Shame on those people who feel they can make light of such a person. He was an evil mass murderer and I never believed such a coward could have committed suicide. Had he survived the war, he would probably be dead by now and we can only hope he lived a frightful existence in hiding, looking over his shoulder constantly.

Philosopher of Life Posted at 4:13pm today

Apart Saddam Hussein, who was a naive dictator, I never saw an arci-millionaire being caught and convicted for their nefarious crimes. Just see Osama Bin laden: he still at large, unpunished, with 200 million dollars, a new face and eventually a beautiful house in southern France, close to Montecarlo. Hitler obviously escaped and he eventually found a safe place in South America.

Kevin McCarthy of Adelaide Posted at 4:08pm today

The Russians still hold the goods; did you think they would ever turn him over?

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