

## Bald men are more attractive and confident

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According to new research, men who are bald or going bald should not worry about their looks. Many bald men get stressed and depressed about losing their hair.

However, research from the University of Pennsylvania

shows that both women and men find bald men more attractive. The research also showed that people thought bald men were more confident and taller. Researchers asked male and female students to rate photos of men. They had to judge each picture based on three categories. They had to rate attractiveness, confidence and dominance. Bald men came top in every category. The study said: "[Bald] men were viewed as nearly an inch taller and 13 per cent stronger."

The researchers said bald men could do better at work and in society because they have no hair. The study said they could be more successful in negotiations because they look stronger. However, there the study had some bad news for bald men. It found a bald or shaved head makes a man look about four years older than he is. The American Hair Loss Association estimates that 85 per cent of men will be bald or going bald by the age of 50. The study might mean men don't have to spend billions of dollars every year trying to prevent or cure hair loss. Instead, they should be happy to be bald. Researchers said: "Men might improve their well-being by finishing what Mother Nature has started".

Sources: [hitechbeacon.com](http://hitechbeacon.com) / [nypost.com](http://nypost.com) / [miamiherald.com](http://miamiherald.com)

## Writing

Life is better if you are bald. Discuss.

## Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

research / worry / looks / depressed / attractive / confident / photos / judge / top / society / successful / negotiations / study / estimates / billions / hair loss / improve

## True / False

- The article says bald men should worry about their looks. T / F
- The article said bald men don't get stressed about hair any more. T / F
- Students voted bald men in photos as being more dominant. T / F
- A study showed that bald men look smaller than those with hair. T / F
- Researchers said bald men are better in negotiations. T / F
- Around 85% of men will be bald or balding by the time they are 50. T / F
- The article says men have to spend billions of dollars a year on hair. T / F
- The article said men shouldn't let what Mother Nature started. T / F

## Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>worry</b>        | a. remedy       |
| 2. <b>looks</b>        | b. assess       |
| 3. <b>attractive</b>   | c. seen         |
| 4. <b>rate</b>         | d. talks        |
| 5. <b>viewed</b>       | e. appearance   |
| 6. <b>negotiations</b> | f. stop         |
| 7. <b>estimates</b>    | g. be concerned |
| 8. <b>prevent</b>      | h. health       |
| 9. <b>cure</b>         | i. guesses      |
| 10. <b>well-being</b>  | j. good-looking |

## Discussion – Student A

- What do you think about what you read?
- Would you shave your head?
- Would you prefer your partner to be bald?
- What are the bad things about being bald?
- What is the best hairstyle for you?
- Is hair a waste of money?
- What is hair for?
- What questions would you like to ask the researchers?

## Phrase Match

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|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. should not worry                           | a. to rate photos of men    |
| 2. get stressed and depressed                 | b. older than he is         |
| 3. both women and men find                    | c. about losing their hair  |
| 4. Researchers asked male and female students | d. hair loss                |
| 5. Bald men came                              | e. Nature                   |
| 6. a bald or shaved                           | f. about their looks        |
| 7. makes a man look about four years          | g. head                     |
| 8. don't have to spend billions               | h. top in every category    |
| 9. trying to prevent or cure                  | i. bald men more attractive |
| 10. Mother                                    | j. of dollars every year    |

## Discussion – Student B

- How important is hair?
- Why do people go bald?
- What do you think of bald men?
- What do you think of bald women?
- Why might people think bald men are more confident?
- Why might people think bald men are taller?
- What are the good things about being bald?
- What do you think of your hair?

## Spelling

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### Answers – Synonym Match

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6. d	7. i	8. f	9. a	10. h

## Role Play

### Role A – Convenience

You think convenience is the biggest advantage of being bald. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst reason of these (and why): being cool in summer, having no bad-hair days or cheapness.

### Role B – Cool in Summer

You think being cool in summer is the biggest advantage of being bald. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst reason of these (and why): convenience, having no bad-hair days or cheapness.

### Role C – No Bad-Hair Days

You think having no bad-hair days is the biggest advantage of being bald. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst reason of these (and why): being cool in summer, convenience or cheapness.

### Role D – Cheapness

You think cheapness is the biggest advantage of being bald. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst reason of these (and why): being cool in summer, having no bad-hair days or convenience.

## Speaking – Baldness

Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest advantages of being bald at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • attractiveness | • no 'bad hair days' |
| • convenience    | • it saves time      |
| • cool in summer | • hair is dirty      |
| • it's cheaper   | • other _____        |

### Answers – True False

a	F	b	F	c	T	d	F	e	T	f	T	g	T	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.