

Criminal Face

Cesare Lombroso, the pioneer criminologist, investigated links between biology and criminal behaviour.

In the late 19th century, he proposed that the 'criminal type' had a predicable physical make up, and systematically documented facial and other features which he claimed were more consistent amongst criminals.



does this man's facial features make him a 'criminal type' ?

In 1977, psychologists Paul Ekman and Wallace Friesden created the Facial Action Coding System (FACS) - a language which describes facial expressions and resulting emotional states.



will the technology predict this man as a liar?

In 1999, Ekman along with other researchers received publicity for developing facial analysis technology capable of revealing someone's true emotions.

A proposed practical application is a video-based lie-detector which can distinguish false facial expressions from genuine ones.