

LEFT-HANDEDNESS - SOME FASCINATING FACTS

According to the recent report by Prof. Stanley Coren of the University of British Columbia, it is suggested that left-handers on average have a shorter lifespan than right-handers. This claim has been refuted by many scientists and is currently being studied by British researchers.

The following U.S. Presidents were left-handed:

James Garfield - 20th President

Herbert Hoover - 31st President

Harry S. Truman - 33rd President

Gerald R. Ford - 38th President

Ronald W. Reagan - 40th President (converted to right hand)

George W. Bush - 41st President

William Clinton - 42nd President



When NASA went searching for the kind of imaginative, super-reliable, multi-talented people they would need to explore the moon, one in four Apollo astronauts turned out to be left-handed - a figure 250% greater than statistical probability.

Buzz Aldrin was the first left-hander to walk on the moon.

Up until the last generation, left-handed children were forced to use their right hand at school, often having their left hand tied behind their back or their knuckles rapped if they picked up a pen in the left hand. As well as the obvious feelings of inadequacy and insecurity this produced, left-handed children that were forced to switch to use of the right hand often experienced bed wetting and developed speech impediments.