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Donald Trump has more psychopathic traits than Adolf Hitler, according to a new study.

Using a standard psychometric tool, Dr Kevin Dutton of Oxford University ranked both presidential candidates and a series of historical world figures.

Trump scored 171, achieving two more points than Adolf Hitler, after experts gave their suggestions on how each individual would have scored against a series of questions.

Saddam Hussein topped the list, scoring 189, while presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton received a score of 152, placing her in the top 20 per cent.

The method, known as the Psychopathic Personality Inventory - Revised (PPI-R), scores candidates based on eight traits, including fearlessness, stress immunity and cold-heartedness.

Study author Dr Kevin Dutton said: "Both great and terrible leaders score

higher than the general population for psychopathic traits, but it is the mix of those traits that determines success.

"For example, someone who scores highly for being influential, fearless and cold hearted could be a decisive leader who can make dispassionate decisions. If those traits are accompanied by a high score on blaming others, they might be a genocidal demagogue."

On factors including social influence and fearlessness Trump outperformed Hitler and Clinton did better than Roman emperor when assessed for "Machiavellian egocentricity."

Psychopaths are often pathological liars, have very high self-estimation, are impulsive and fail to regulate and take responsibility for their behaviours.

And you may be more likely to encounter a true psychopath in some workplaces than others. Journalists, police officers and even clergymen are among the most popular professions for psychopaths.