

Does the Camera Lie?

“Oh NO it doesn’t”

“Oh YES it does”

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Who said that the Camera Lies?

- Everyone knows the saying the camera never lies, but who said it first
- *The Evening News*, Lincoln, Nebraska, November 1895
- The great American documentary photographer Lewis Hine said in the 1990s
- “While photographs may not lie, liars may photograph”.

Web-sites used in this presentation

<https://www.diyphotography.net/the-camera-never-lies-is-a-myth-and-these-photographers-explain-why/>

<https://digital-photography-school.com/understanding-dynamic-range-photography/>

<https://www.boredpanda.com/truth-behind-photography-tricks/>

<https://digitalsynopsis.com/design/before-and-after-photoshop-pictures/>

During Covid, are people too close.

Copenhagen photojournalists Ólafur Steinar Gestsson and Philip Davali

Decided to debunk the myth that the camera always tells the truth.

So they took photos in public using different lenses and perspectives.

Which shows how much they can change the story.

During Covid, people are too close.



Not really, depends on the viewpoint



Seems a bit close



Again, it's the viewpoint



Close and personal



Telephoto lens brings romance



Dynamic ranges, Camera, Print, Eye

The dynamic range is the number of f-stops that can be recorded.

A digital camera dynamic range is about 10 to 11 f-stops

A print has a dynamic range of 6.5 f-stops

The eye can 'see' a range of about 46.5f-stops

So in order to produce an image that the eye would see as 'natural' one sometimes has to take the same scene several times each time with a different f-stop, then later combine the light and dark images with photo editing

D.R. – Camera records 6-10 f-stops



D.R. RAW image can lighten dark areas



D.R. – Expose for exterior details



D.R. - Expose for interior details



D.R - Blend exterior and interior



Photos not always what they seem

These vintage cars



Have come from small beginnings



Weddings – ‘Pride and Prejudice?’



Weddings – Viewpoint helps



Weddings – A loving kiss



Weddings – Gone flat out for this one



Weddings – Another loving kiss



Weddings – Oh dear!!



Now how did they do that?

Smart picture of Smarties



There's smarties for you



Girl enjoying rain



They had buckets of fun and water



Do photographers use magic?

Floating in the air



With a step in the right direction



Dreaming of Flying



An improved belly flop



Bouncing Baby – at 1/1000 sec



Bouncing – Daddy's helping hands



These photos look delightful

Real life? Like the 'TUI' travel ad



This is how it was taken



Perfume photographed on Glass



No – taken in a non fragrant setting



Another delivery by Stork



Well, if dropped there is a cushion



Propaganda – Time Magazine cover



This photograph was used in newspapers around the world, and raised [millions of dollars](#) in charity funds.

What this Times cover does not show is the little girl was never separated from her mother standing next to her.

Reason child was crying was that it was late at night and she was tired and thirsty

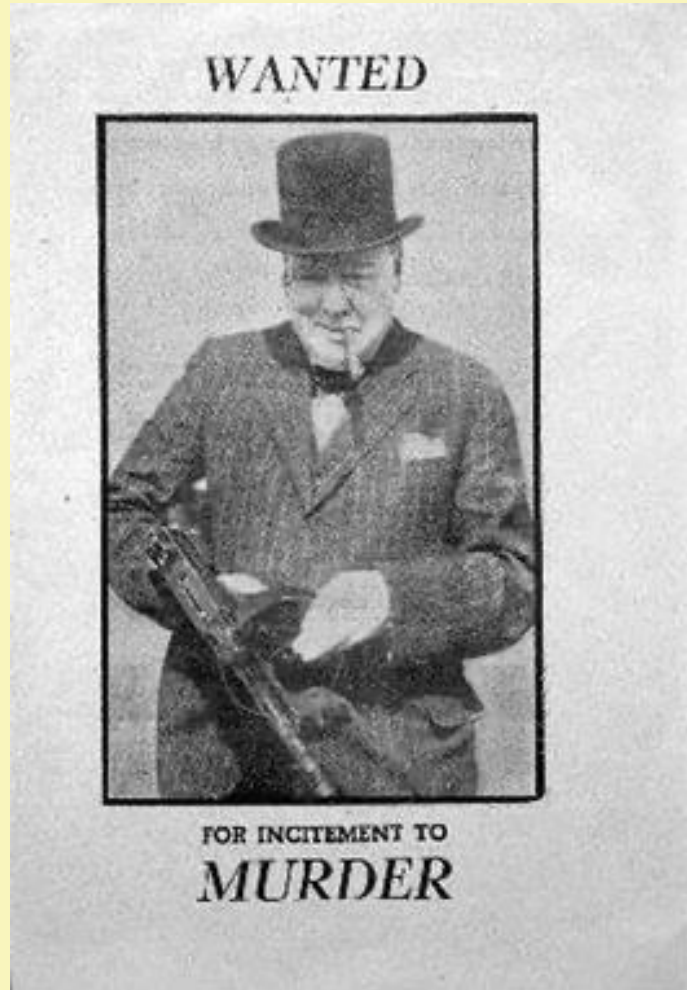
Time had to [issue a correction](#) about the false “carried away screaming” claim. It was made up.

Also, the husband had a good job in Honduras and was staying their while his wife and child went to America.

Churchill with machine gun - *colourised*



Churchill with machine gun - *German*



Enhanced by Photoshop

Has many tools to enhance photographs

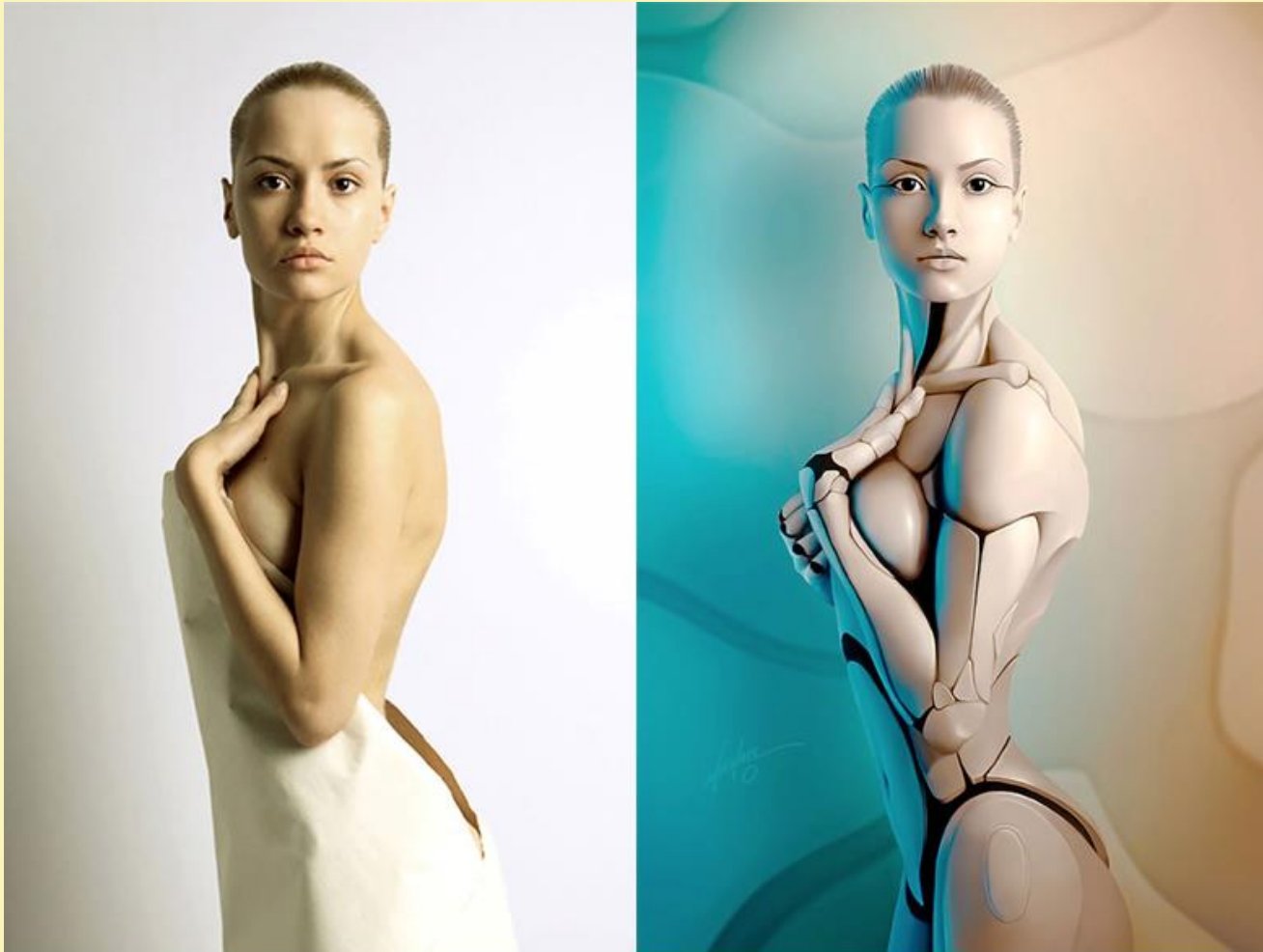
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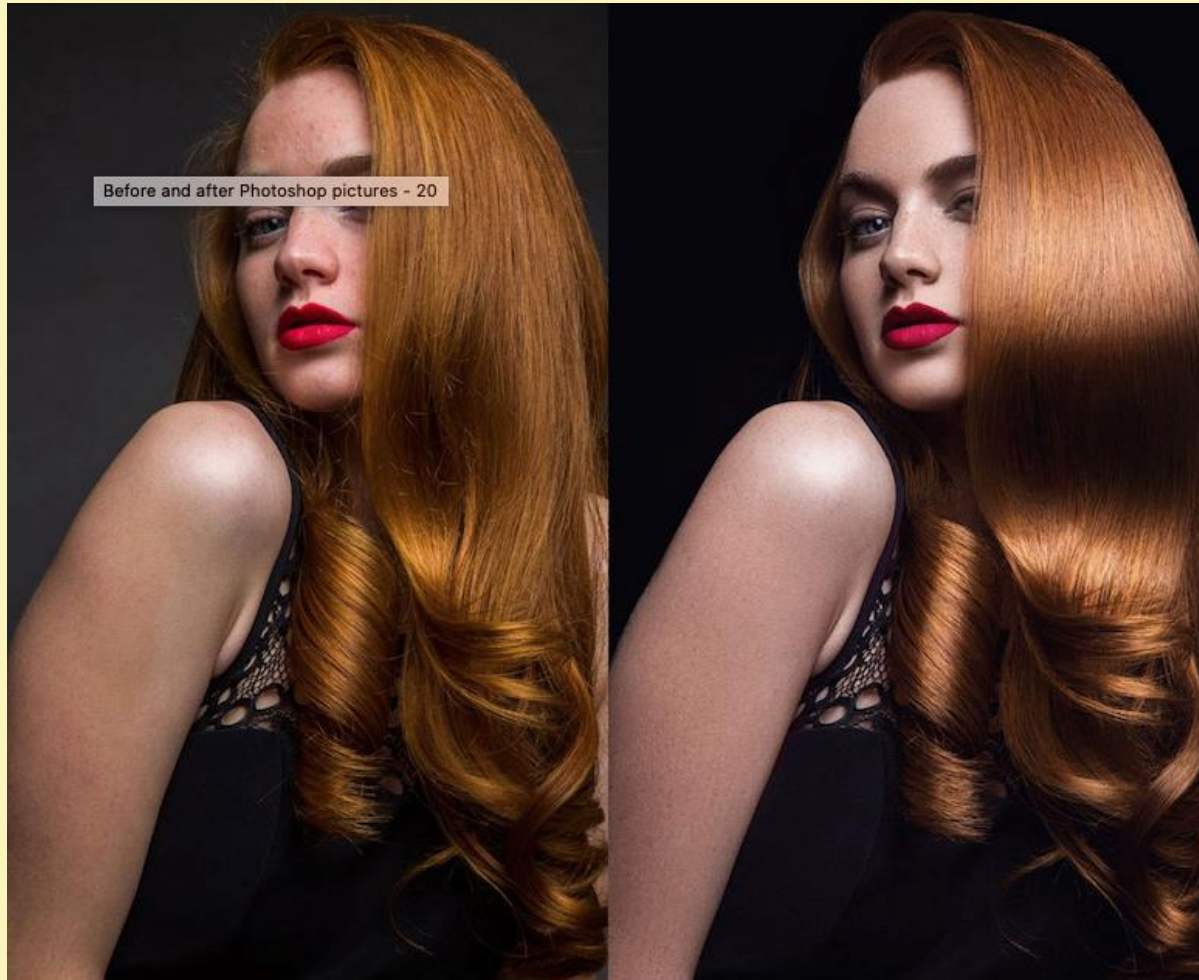
Into Android - by Michael Oswald



Fairy-tale princess - by Kat Tnhnlkar



Hair & Skin - by Bogdan Zhvalevskiy



Nice hair - by Natalya Zolotarova



Yin and Yang – by Andrew



Well, lonely Yang wanted a mate



There can be double gates - Brian



That are made from one gate



Flip photo of left gate
to get a right gate
which make a pair

Spanish dancer 'Rosandra' – Brian



First, I had to clean and tidy room



Nice clean photo, cut the Dancer



Spanish dancer 'Rosandra' – Brian



Schweppes van, not many about now



But one can find a small one - Brian



*I hope you enjoyed the presentation,
found it interesting
and maybe some useful ideas.*

Thank you for watching

The End