

## DNA tests estimate that Prince William is 0.3 to 0.8 percent Indian

*The following is an excerpt.*

Over 150 years after the Queen of England began her reign over India, the “crown jewel” in a British empire that has since dissolved, a monarch of partial Indian descent is about to sit on the British throne. Prince William, according to a study by a genetics firm called BritainsDNA, likely carries a small amount of Indian DNA.

Researchers say they can't know with absolute certainty that William carries DNA of Indian origin but they believe it's pretty likely. How? His lineage from Eliza Newark is not in doubt; the scientists had to demonstrate (1) that he carries DNA directly from Newark; (2) that this DNA is of Indian origin.

**Read the full story here: [DNA tests estimate that Prince William is 0.3 to 0.8 percent Indian](#)**

### **Additional Resources:**

- “Public invasion of genetic privacy for UK royal family?” phgfoundation  
*The information about Prince William's DNA actually came from studies of his relatives DNA. Was that a breach of ethical privacy?*
- “[Are there ethical lapses in the Times' story on William's 'Indian ancestry'?](#)” NewStatesman  
*The UK's The Times used the story about Prince William's DNA as platform for advertising the genetics firm that publicized the information.*