

Did Kanye really replace his teeth with diamonds?

Are Kanye West's diamond-tooth stand-ins the real deal? The diamonds might be, but his claim on Tuesday's "Ellen" show that he literally "replaced" his bottom row of teeth to make room for a row of highly compressed carbon chompers is a flimsy one.

"From the pictures that we see of Kanye West, it would be hard to imagine that he had his teeth actually removed in order to place this diamond bridge ... this piece is extremely bulky in the image that we see of this piece in his mouth,"

according to Dr. Ramin Tabib, a New York-based cosmetic dentist from NYC Smile Design. "I couldn't imagine any dentist that would actually be convinced to extract someone's teeth to replace them with diamonds. This borders on malpractice. It's like going to your internist and asking him to cut your left hand off because you really don't need two hands."

Dr. Tabib said that West likely has just a removable device: "He has beautiful teeth and from the picture there is no sign of tooth problems. I would be hard pressed to believe that he had his lower teeth removed for this ... Normally, when tooth jewelry is placed permanently it is affixed to existing teeth."



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