

Goals for today (and Thurs?)

1. Learn something about Freud's theory of civilization
2. How does Freudian Theory fit with Evolutionary Psych (Does it fit at all?)
3. What are the functions of sleep?
4. Do dreams have meaning?
5. Does Freudian dream theory have anything useful to tell us?

Freud's theory of civilization: Civilization and its discontents (1930s)

What is weird and wacky?

What makes sense?

Did Freud think that civilization and repression were bad?

Freudian problems

Problem 1: Freud was way off base on women and morality.

Problem 2: Evidence for oedipal roots of morality?

Problem 3: Are infants amoral?

A quick trip back to evolutionary psychology

The Moral Animal by Robert Wright, The Blank Slate by Steve Pinker

Stupid evolutionary psychology

Intelligent evolutionary psychology

What would Freud say if he read Wright?

1) Drives: Eros & Thanatos

2) Civilization complicates those drives

SLEEP AND DREAMS

Did you sleep last night?

Do you need to sleep?

Did you dream last night?

Why do we sleep?

The brain says so:

Circadian rhythms

More functional hypotheses

#20: Freud: morality -> Sleep and Dreams

	EEG	EOG	EMG
Waking			
Deep Sleep			
Rapid Eye Movement (REM)			

Differences between sleep and waking consciousness.

Interpretation of Dreams (Freud, 1900)

What is the purpose of dreams?

Wish fulfillment

Day residue

latent content

manifest content.

Why are things disguised one day and not the next?

How do you uncover the “latent content”?

Some cautions

Some problems

Problems from within psych.

The Big Problem from the study of the physiology of sleep

What is REM sleep for?

Can we reconcile Freud with the biology of dreams?

The New Psychology of Dreaming. by Richard M Jones. Pelican 1978

What is the hypothesis?

Maybe a few words about MIT culture as a sleep disaster.