Discussion Questions

Review your copy of the article and jot down a few notes for each of the following questions. Afterward, you will be assigned to a discussion group. As a group, you may discuss any or all of the questions below as well as explore the article and the Psychodynamic Perspective beyond these specific questions.

1. How does the article define Freudian Theory? Use specific quotes/concepts from the article for support.
2. What Freudian concept was the most offensive to Americans and why? What was your reaction to these concepts?
3. What aspects of Freudian theory, specifically, have been debunked?
4. What factors are involved in the decline of psychoanalysis?
5. What are the benefits of psychoanalysis and under what circumstances is psychoanalysis more effective than drug therapy?
6. What does Dr. Kerry J. Sulkowicz think about the lack of introspection in America’s politics and business? Why? Do you agree or disagree and why?