For the second paper assignment, you will apply the ideas of Marx/Engels OR Freud to a 2004 issue/controversy of your choice.

**Logistics:**
Due Monday, November 22, in class. 5-7 pages. Should be spell-checked, proof-read, double-spaced, stapled, with numbered pages.

- Papers should quote early and often from the texts in question; the best arguments will have specific textual evidence to support every point.
- Each paraphrase or quotation (the most effective papers will make use of both of these kinds of evidence) must be accompanied by a correct citation. Any format is fine, e.g. MLA, APA, Chicago, but you must be consistent.
- Make sure to include a “works cited” page where you list all the sources you have used for your essay.
- I’d be happy to answer questions and look at drafts in office hours.

**Requirements:**
Find at least three articles which describe your problem, and ideally which give several different – perhaps opposing – approaches to solving the problem. Be sure to use reputable, respected newspapers or periodicals as sources; you may do your research on the web, but be sure your information is drawn from reliable, well-known sources. For example, the web version of the *New York Times* is good, “Bob’s Foreign Policy Web Site” is not. If you’re not sure where to start, try the “Infotrac OneFile” and “Lexis-Nexis” databases available through the library home page:
http://library.genesee.edu/resources/resources.shtml

Your essay should offer a brief introduction to both the issue you’ve chosen and suggest why applying Marx/Engels or Freud is a fruitful way to understand the problem. The essay should then, using specific examples from the relevant text, explore how Marx or Freud would analyze a given problem. Lastly, would they agree with the analyses and solutions offered by today’s leaders/thinkers?

Choose a topic from those listed below. If you would like to write about an issue not listed here, let me know.

- outsourcing of labor to foreign countries
- the recent epidemic of CEO misbehavior
- the U.S.’s role in Iraq
- controlling recidivism among criminals (repeat offenders)
- the recent FCC rulings about obscenity in the media
- sex education in public schools
- the existence/popularity of reality shows
- college students on spring break