

From Tyranny to Democratic Freedom: Psychoanalysis Meets the Struggle

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Psychoanalysis was surrounded by the concept of freedom considering the historical geography in which it was invented and developed. As exemplified in the primal murder moment, freedom demands in a society, which goes hand in hand with solidarity, violence, transgression and law, challenges the position of the psychoanalyst. The position of the bard in the primal horde could provide an inspiration to evaluate the psychoanalytical position when the change towards freedom is desired by the society as well as the psychoanalyst. The concept of indifference could be an important point when the psychoanalyst is engaged in the issues of freedom in society but keeping the psychoanalytical attitude. In order to elaborate the possible engagement of the psychoanalyst in freedom struggles, the way the psychoanalysts positioned themselves in Gezi Events is examined. Psychoanalysts' insistence in thinking, even in times of freedom struggles like Gezi can lead them to recreate themselves as intellectuals. By keeping themselves away from authority and power, which this insistence can enhance, psychoanalysts have the potential to act as intellectuals and in turn contribute to freedom struggles.