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11/03/1957**Date of death:** | 03/24/1897**Date of birth:**
Psychiatrist**Occupation or position:**

, and one of the most radical figures in the history of psychiatry. He was the author of several influential

and Freud

Sigmund Freud, a member of the second generation of psychoanalysts after

and Jung

Freud (24 March 1897 – 3 November 1957) was an Austrian **Wilhelm Reich**

The Ego and the Mechanisms of

and

Reich's His work on character contributed to the development of [2] (1936), *Revolution and the Sexual* (1933), and *Psychology of Fascism* (1933), *The Mass Psychology of Fascism* (1933), *Character Analysis* books and essays, most notably

. His writing

and Jung

Reich's **Arthur Janov** and

to

biographical analysis

Reich's

at the police. *The Mass Psychology of Fascism* in Paris and Berlin, students scrawled his name on walls and threw copies of

therapy

General's

Paris

Freud

psychiatry

books (1936), and his idea of muscular armour – the expression of the personality in the way the body moves – shaped innovations such as *Defence*

and Jung

1928 influenced generations of intellectuals: during the

1. For Stirner and Landauer, see Danto 2007, p. 308, footnote 60.
 2. That he was one of the most radical figures in psychiatry, see Sheppard 1973. Danto 2007, p. 43: "Wilhelm Reich, the second generation psychoanalyst perhaps most often associated with political radicalism ..."
- Turner 2011, p. 114: "[Reich's mobile clinic was] perhaps the most radical, politically engaged psychoanalytic enterprise to date."

For the publication and significance of *The Mass Psychology of Fascism and Character Analysis*, see Sharaf 1994, pp. 163-164, 168.

For Character Analysis being an important contribution to psychoanalytic theory, see: Young-Bruehl 2008, p. 157: "Reich, a year and a half younger than Anna Freud, was the youngest instructor at the Training Institute, where his classes on psychoanalytic technique, later presented in a book called Character Analysis, were crucial to his whole group of contemporaries." Sterba 1982, p. 35: "This book [Character Analysis] serves even today as an excellent introduction to psychoanalytic technique. In my opinion, Reich's understanding of and technical approach to resistance prepared the way for Anna Freud's Ego and the Mechanisms of Defence (1936)." Guntrip 1961, p. 105: "... the two important books of the middle 1930s, Character Analysis (1935) by Wilhelm Reich and The Ego and the Mechanisms of Defence (1936) by Anna Freud." For more on the influence of The Mass Psychology of Fascism, see Kirkpatrick 1947, Burgess 1947; Bendix 1947; and Turner 2011, p. 152.

3. For Anna Freud, see Bugental, Schneider and Pierson 2001, p. 14: "Anna Freud's work on the ego

and the mechanisms of defense developed from Reich's early research (A. Freud, 1936/1948)."
For Perls, Lowen and Janov, see Sharaf 1994, p. 4.

For the students, see Elkind, 18 April 1971; and Turner 2011, pp. 13-14.

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