Fallout Shelter

Scenario:

Nuclear weapons have just been launched by several nations around the world, and will detonate in approximately one hour; these weapons and their radioactive poison will destroy life as we know it and forever scar the planet and its resources. The United States government has established a fallout shelter in an undisclosed location where seven fortunate individuals will remain for the next ten years, waiting for the radiation to clear so they can re-emerge and begin re-building humanity. These will be the only seven people who will survive the nuclear holocaust; everyone not killed in the initial blasts will slowly die from radiation poisoning.

A lottery has narrowed the potential survivors to twenty-two individuals; you and your team have been placed on a committee to choose seven of these people to be placed in the shelter with the purpose of re-establishing humanity. You must determine who should live…and thus, who will die. You will want to make your decisions based upon what society will require in the future, and you cannot argue for the murder or suicide of potential survivors in order to make your decision easier. *All* group members must reach consensus before a decision can be made. Each decision must be accompanied with a written rationale. *(Note: #9 will count as 2 survivors)*

Rules:

* You must listen while others talk.
* You must not interrupt others.
* You may not name call or say derogatory remarks about others’ thoughts.
* You must treat others with respect at all times.
* You must reach consensus.

22 people, 7 places in the shelter

1. A 30 year old male symphony orchestra violin player

2. A 40 year old male police officer who refuses to give up his gun

3. A 40 year old female medical doctor

4. A 53 year old male United States senator

5. A 50 year old female artist and sculptor

6. A 23 year old male high school dropout, recently arrested for armed robbery

7. A 15 year old female high school student

8. A 3 month old male toddler

9. A 34 year old male engineer *and* his 21 year old wife (they refuse to be separated)

10. A 47 year old male biochemist, with dual majors in biology and chemistry

11. A 29 year old male farmer who recently lost his cattle ranch because of gambling debt

12. A 28 year old pregnant history teacher (counts as one person)

13. A 32 year old female preschool teacher, who is also a certified linguist and anthropologist

14. A 46 year old housewife

15. A 33 year old female registered nurse

16. A 17 year old female with a rare genetic mutation

17. A 23 year old male mathematics teacher

18. A 45 year old pregnant technology specialist

19. A 5 year old female with Down-syndrome

20. A 21 year old nuclear physicist, who is also a convicted sex-offender

21. A 30 year old male former Navy Seal, who suffers from PTSD

22. A 27 year old female botanist whose husband and three children recently died in a terrorist attack

Survivor Rationale

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