Clarifying your values and ethics

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Nuclear War!

You work for the government and you are in charge of experimental science stations in the remote western United States. Suddenly World War III breaks out and bombs begin dropping. People are heading for whatever shelters are available. You receive a call from a remote station asking for help. Near that station are 11 people but only enough food, air, and water for 6 people for the 3 months they will need to stay there to escape radiation fallout. These people realize if they try to select the 6 people themselves, they will become irrational and fighting will break out. They have called upon you, as their superior, to make the decision. They will abide by and enforce whatever you decide. You are on your way to your own shelter and only have time to get the superficial descriptions of the 11 people as listed below. You must make the decision within twenty minutes. Remember, the 6 people you select may be the only survivors in that area. In the time given, select 6 people of the 11 to be let into the shelter.

The Candidates

__ 1. Famous national historian, male, athletic, healthy, married, 47 years old.

__ 2. Recently adopted male child of historian, very attached to stepfather, age 4.

__ 3. Retired physician, male, 75, a devout religious fundamentalist, wealthy.

__ 4. Successful, single, educated, and respected architect, male, 55, former home builder.

__ 5. Female popular television star, drinks moderately, uses marijuana socially, age 24.

__ 6. Black militant, 21, strong leadership qualities, quick to anger.

__ 7. High school drop-out, female, 18, low IQ, 6 months pregnant, no technical skills.

__ 8. Law student, male, wheel chair victim of the Iraq war, 26, highly decorated military tour.

__ 9. Devoted wife of law student, married 4 years, part-time waitress, business student.

__ 10. Ex-police captain with own gun, thrown off the force for brutality (but never proven).

__ 11. Violinist, male, 36, served jail term for possession of heroin, been out for 6 months.

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