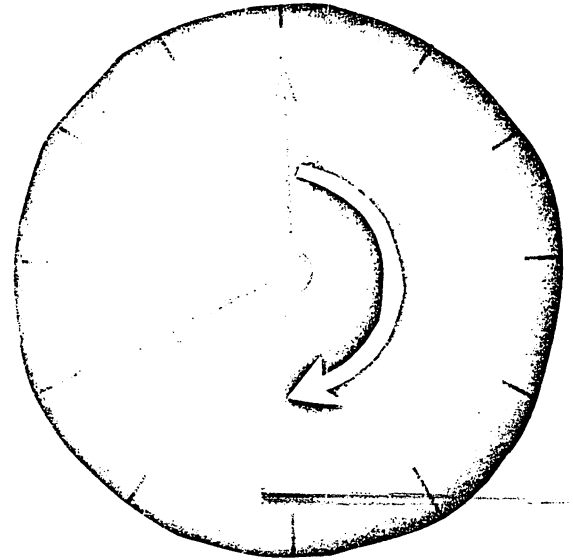


Your group at Human Ecology Headquarters has only 30 minutes to make its decision. If you do not, all members of the commune will perish from radioactivity. The six who are selected for survival must be in their shelter in half an hour.

The question before your group is one of human life and of human values. Your choice is very important. You cannot let the ten people fight for survival among themselves, and you must hurry in your decision.

This is all you know about the ten people:

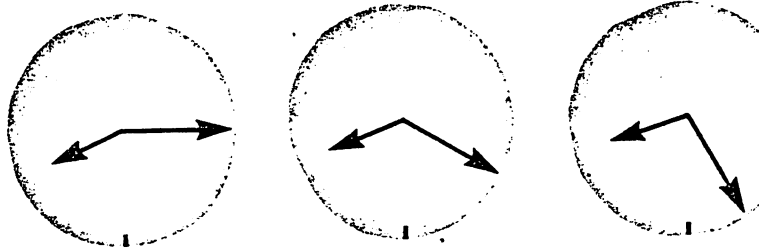
- 1 nuclear scientist;  
age 47;  
his careless experiments  
caused the dangerous  
radioactivity
- 2 his wife;  
four months pregnant
- 3 Marxist revolutionary;  
third-year medical student
- 4 famous psychologist-author;  
60 years old
- 5 television celebrity;  
host of innumerable  
talk shows
- 6 brilliant female statistician;  
25 years old
- 7 alcoholic priest;  
50 years old
- 8 professional football player;  
very low IQ
- 9 high-school sophomore  
and majorette



- 10 former presidential assistant;  
disbarred lawyer;  
clever but shifty

*What do your selections tell about  
your values*

That's the strategy. You and your group have 30 minutes to determine which six should go into the shelter. Someone in the group should give 15-, 10-, 5-, and 1-minute warnings.



After your group has made its selections and has argued the reasons why, there are a number of basic questions that should be discussed. Ask your group to try to disregard the content of the *Take Shelter!* strategy and to examine the processes by which decisions were made and the value implications. It's best if one of the group is chosen to be a discussion leader.

These are the questions.

1 Did you listen to the opinions of others in your group?

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2 Were you inclined to change your mind because of group pressures? Or, if you did change your mind, was it because of logical and persuasive arguments?

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3 Did your single-mindedness prevent your group from reaching a decision in time? Did someone else's?

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4 After your group arrived at a decision different from yours, did you still feel you were right?

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5 What do your selections tell you about your values?

(1) The descriptions of the ten people can be varied to suggest other values. For example, the shelter group could include:

a the same nuclear scientist responsible for the radioactive peril.

b a skilled manual worker; 40 years old; illiterate.

c a policeman with a gun; strong law-and-order man suspended from the police force for brutality.

d a blind Orthodox rabbi; 70 years old.

e a young female physician; capable but known to be unstable.

f a 46-year-old jazz musician; former narcotics addict and pusher trying to go straight.

g a 22-year-old female-rights militant; no special skills.

h an architect; homosexual.

i a 26-year-old painter and jack-of-all-trades.

j the painter's 25-year-old wife; spent the last nine months in a mental hospital; still under heavy sedation. They refuse to be separated.