

Psychology 460
Counseling & Interviewing
GROUP TASK #10
Group Roles

Instructions:

Break into groups of eight. Read the following paragraph and complete the exercise.

A large luxury ocean liner is sinking. Two of the life boats were damaged in an explosion and there is not enough room for all of the passengers. There are eight slots available on the last life boat and there are still 31 people left on board. The ship is sinking in shark-infested waters and there is no chance of survival for “swimmers”. Your group **MUST** select who is to survive before the ship sinks. You have 15 minutes to solve the problem before the ship sinks. If the decision is **NOT** made by then **ALL** the passengers will die.

Passenger List

The President of the United States (Obama) and the First Lady

An important foreign dignitary from Iraq and her husband

A scientist knowing the formula to cure AIDS (cannot be written down)

A scientist knowing the formula to cure Alzheimers (cannot be written down)

A pregnant woman and her husband

Dr. Jason Richter (Psychiatrist from video: “My Doctor, My Lover”)

A family of four (including mother, father, sister, and brother)

A developmentally disabled teenager and his mother

Janet Jackson

Justin Timberlake

Paris Hilton

A former Miss America

A former Mr. Universe

A university professor

Colin Powell

Jennifer Lopez & Marc Anthony

Shaquille O’Neil & Kobe Bryant

President Fox of the Country of Mexico

B. D. Wong (actor on Law & Order: Special Victim as Psychiatrist)

Margaret Cho

Oprah Winfrey

Dr. Phil McGraw

Senator Barney Frank (openly gay)

Points for Task: _____ (15 possible)

Name of Student Participant: _____

