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**Government – Survival and Decision-Making Simulation**

The zombie apocalypse has arrived! You and your group of survivors have recently found an abandoned base with plenty of supplies and room to even grow your own food. You have decided to call this place home as you start life anew. One day another group of 13 survivors appear before your gates and ask for shelter. However, your base can only take on another 6 people.

1. Your group has established a survivors’ camp where it has the capacity to hold your whole group and 6 other people.
2. 13 people have come to the shelter to be let in. The list is below. You must choose only 6 people to enter your camp.
3. You HAVE to choose 6 people. You cannot let them all die, or they will kill all of you and take over your base.
4. First individually choose the 6 people you want to stay. (You have 3 minutes to do this)
5. Depending on your group’s specific instructions/parameters, your group is to narrow down who gets to stay. This does not mean seeing who has the highest number of votes.

Below are the following people:

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| #1 19 yo mother and 8 month old baby (they count for one spot) | #8 57 yo historian who is an expert on all history and languages |
| #2 20 yo husband and father to the mother and child above. Unemployed 7-11 worked | #9 39 yo 3rd year medical student who dropped out of medical school |
| #3 16 yo movie star | #10 24 yo body builder who has won competitions |
| #4 44 yo expert plumber, carpenter, mason, welder, mechanic who is disabled from an accident on the job | #11 67 yo retired police officer, now a security guard (has a gun; can’t separate gun from person) |
| #5 77 yo religious minister | #12 21 yo college cheerleader |
| #6 33 yo high school science teacher | #13 31 yo parolee who just got out of jail for growing marijuana |
| #7 48 yo nurse, has been working on cancer unit for 20 years |  |

**Special Parameters:**

**Autocracy Group**: One group member is designated as the autocrat. He/She makes all the decisions in regards to the list. He/She can choose to listen to other group members’ selections and choose to switch if he/she so desires, but NOT necessary.

**Oligarchy Group**: 2-3 group members (depending on size of group) are designated as the oligarchs. They make all of the selections. They can choose to listen to the non-oligarch group members’ selections and reasoning and switch if they desire, but NOT necessary.

**Democracy Group**: Every group member has a say in making the selection. No restrictions.

When working in your group, take note of the decision-making process whether you have a voice or not AND the time it took to come a decision. Reflect on the experience. Be ready to share out your thoughts and experience and discuss.

Consider these guiding reflection questions:

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| * Who made the decision?
* Who had a voice?
* Did you have a voice?
* How did you feel about the whole decision-making process?
 | * Was the decision-making efficient or not efficient?
* Was it fair?
* Was it justified? Based on whose reasoning?
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Circle your own preferences:

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Circle the people your group chose:

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