Whom to Leave Behind

Instructions: The twelve persons listed below have been selected as passengers on a spaceship for a flight to another planet because tomorrow the planet Earth is doomed for destruction. Due to changes in space limitations, it has now been determined that only eight persons may go.

Your task is to select the four passengers who will not make the trip. On your own, take a few minutes and rank the order of the passengers from one to twelve based on those who you feel are most deserving to make the trip with one being most deserving twelve being least deserving. Next, the entire group will come together and share the four passengers that they decided will be left behind.

Original passenger list:
a militant African-American medical student
an accountant with a substance abuse problem
a 33-year-old female Native-American manager who does not speak English
the accountant's pregnant wife
a famous novelist with a physical disability
a gay man, professional athlete
a Hispanic clergyman who is against homosexuality
a female movie star who was recently the victim of a sexual assault
a racist armed police officer who has been accused of using excessive force
a 21-year-old female Muslim international student
60-year-old Jewish university administrator
an Asian, orphaned 12-year-old boy