Presidential Profiles - Examining Eligibility Requirements for Presidential Candidates

In corporate America, the Human Resources Department processes job applications to determine if applicants are eligible for a particular position.  Imagine that you are Director of Human Resources.  Your job is to use the eligibility requirements specified in Article II of the U.S. Constitution to determine which of the applicants below would be “eligible” for the job of U.S. President.

The following profiles below are descriptions of real people (ages are as of 2004).  Determine if each is eligible for the job of President.  If an applicant is not eligible, provide the reason for his/her ineligibility.  After you have determined if each is eligible for the job of President, see if you can determine who each of the applicants are.

Applicant 1:

* White Male, Age 57
* Born in Virginia
* Home schooled, No college
* Retired from the Army - no heroics, but worked well with the Germans and French
* Passion for home remodeling

Eligible

Applicant 2:

* Black Male, Age 71
* Born in Georgia
* Graduated from Alta Reform
* Popular with many generations
* Worked in churches and entertained millions
* The French love him
* Convicted of a felony charge
* Widower with five children

Eligible

Applicant 3:

* White Male, Age 57
* Born in Austria
* Honorary degree from Chapman University
* Served in Austrian Army
* Immigrated to the U.S. in 1968
* Restaurant owner and actor
* Publisher
* Married with four children
* Civic-minded

Not eligible. Was not born in the United States of America.

Applicant 4:

* White Female, Age 63
* Born in New Jersey
* Attended Barnard College
* Model, stockbroker, chef, TV personality and magazine publisher
* Divorced with one daughter
* Convicted of a felony charge

Eligible

Applicant 5:

* White Male, Age 51
* Born in Kentucky
* No formal education, but passed the Bar Exam
* Blue collared laborer
* Good speechwriter
* Frequently depressed
* Practical joker
* Married with two children

Eligible

Applicant 6:

* Latino Female, Age 34
* Born in New York
* One semester at Baruch College
* Steals the show wherever she goes
* Multi-talented entertainer
* Very intelligent family
* Married, depending on the day of the week

Not eligible. Under age requirement of 35 years. (If they ran today they would be 44, so they would be eligible)