Could I work with this person?

Mark each type of person with one of the following:

A = I could work with this person.
B = I would have difficulty working with this person.
C = I could not work with this person.

___ 1. A person with fundamentalist religious beliefs
___ 2. A woman who says that if she could turn her life over to Christ she would find peace
___ 3. A person who shows little conscience development, who is strictly interested in his or her own advancement, and who uses others to achieve personal aims
___ 4. A gay or lesbian couple wanting to work on conflicts in their relationship
___ 5. A man who wants to leave his wife and children for the sake of sexual adventures with other women
___ 6. A woman who has decided to leave her husband and children to gain her independence but who wants to explore her fears of doing so
___ 7. A woman who is considering an abortion but wants help in making her decision
___ 8. A teenager who is have unsafe sex and sees no problem with this behavior
___ 9. A high school student who is sent to you by his parents because they suspect his is abusing drugs
___ 10. A person who is very cerebral and is convinced that feelings are a private matter
___ 11. A man who believes the best way to discipline his children is through corporal
   Punishment
___ 12. An interracial couple coming for premarital counseling
___ 13. A high school student who seeks counseling to discuss conflicts she is having with her adopted parent who is from a different culture
___ 14. A high school student who thinks she may be lesbian and wants to explore this gender
   identification concern
___ 15. A gay or lesbian couple wanting to adopt a child
___ 16. A man who has found a way of cheating the system and getting more than his legal
   share of public assistance
___ 17. A woman who comes with her husband for couples counseling while maintaining an extramarital affair
___ 18. An interracial couple wanting to adopt a child and being faced with their respective parents’ opposition to the adoption
___ 19. A client from another culture who has values very different from yours
___ 20. A mother who is intent on blaming the school for her son’s behavior problems and constantly makes excuses for the child

Look at items marked C.
What is the difficulty you have with these people?
What are the potential risks/benefits of making a referral?
If you decide to work with one of these people, what are the possible risks/benefits to the client?

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