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Dear Editor,

I am among the skeptics of the government’s anti-immigrant raid in Postville, Iowa. After the raid, we are faced with the threat of prosecution of farmers and other individuals for what amounts to a system of indentured servitude getting worse. This goes beyond the usual illegal (no-match) social security violations. It could be another illegal use of the Social Security Agency's checks on people’s work history in America. The Social Security Administration is now being used like the Reverend Ouderkirk. They were simply providing a list of workers going hungry because they did not cooperate with the Immigration and Naturalization Service. People were deported without a chance to fight them in the courts. This resulted in the deportation of a significant number of people and an increase in the number of immigrants going hungry.

Furthermore, the economic impact in Postville on the small business community is incredible. The post office, bank, and other small local businesses were affected by the raid. The loss of business has had an impact on the local economy. People are having trouble finding food and other necessities. They were simply doing their jobs and now they are being punished.

I suggest that the government stop this madness and allow people to work and live in peace. We need to work together to find a solution to this problem.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Postville, IA