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LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Immigration policy flawed

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CEDAR FALLS - The recent raids in Postville illustrate the utter stupidity of our nation's immigration policy. Consider the following:

1. All kinds of companies in Iowa and elsewhere need the labor that immigrants provide.
2. People outside our borders are eager for the economic improvement that such jobs provide.
3. Our laws do not create realistic avenues for people to access these jobs legally.
4. When people come illegally to obtain these jobs, they are labelled "evil" people and subject to arbitrary and abusive government action.

It's time that our politicians stop listening to all the emotional nativist and racist rhetoric that arises whenever immigration reform is proposed. If so, then our next president and our next Congress will be able to sit down and work out a rational solution to this complex problem.

Until this happens, we are likely to see even more suffering on the part of individuals and families whose only "crime" is that they are eager to work.