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In December of 2006, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raided the Swift and Co. meatpacking facility in Greeley, CO. The raids resulted in the deportation of 261 unauthorized workers. The State of the Rockies team discussed the fiscal and social effects of the raids with Vice President of Communications Sean McHugh of Swift, and Greeley attorney Robert McCormick, who represented 19 individuals arrested by ICE. Later on, the Rockies researchers chatted with local Mexican immigrant workers in Spanish to further their understanding of the issue.

