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Human Trafficker Gets Life

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A Ukrainian convicted of smuggling desperate villagers to the United States to work in bondage has been sentenced to life in prison plus 20 years.

A prosecutor in Philadelphia said 52-year-old Omelyan Botsvynyuk's operation was "modern-day slavery."

A jury found that Botsvynyuk and his brother forced cleaning crews to work long hours for little or no pay.

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