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## Nothing to Lose...

We all know people who are so talented and good at what they do that we just can't believe they haven't hit the big time... singers, musicians, writers, athletes, actors, comedians, you name it. Instead these people are relegated to local fame or perhaps no fame at all. Why is it that so few people obtain fame, fortune, and celebrity in their fields of endeavor? Quite simply, it is the natural order of things; besides being talented at a particular thing, there are varying degrees of hard work, knowing the right people, and being in the right place at the right time to be "discovered" by someone who can influence a career. There also has to be a desire to perform on the big stage with all the baggage that goes along with being in the public eye. Not everyone wants to be the center of attention; not everyone wants to risk failure in front of an audience or their peers.

You may ask, "What does this all have to do with freedom and liberty?" Good question, and in my mind, it comes down to this. While those on the big stage may have the big microphone, they do not necessarily speak for the populace at large. When they speak out, they must be concerned about cooking their golden-egg-laying goose. They may be forced to toe the proverbial corporate line, or forfeit their riches. Those who have not hit the big time, are less

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likely to be constrained in their opinions by corporate-think and be more inclined to agree with, represent, and promote the values of their communities. For every person who has made it to the big time, there are hundreds of thousands, if not millions of those who have not. As Spanish philosopher, Baltasar Gracián, said, "Never contend with a man who has nothing to lose." At some point, we may have nothing to lose compared to the elite/political/ruling class and their acolytes. I would not want to be the ruling class when that happens.

## ***Florida Dems Looking to Ban Private Making of Firearms...***

Two matching bills have been filed in the Florida House and Senate by two South Florida Democrats. HB 527 and SB 872 prohibit specified acts involving unfinished firearm frames or



receivers. The house version of the bill to ban private making of firearms, or so called "ghost guns," is on its way through the system. Its first stop is the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee where hopefully, it will die. If you live in Florida, write, phone, or email the [Committee Members \(and the staff\)](#) to tell them to euthanize this bill. You can track these bills on the [Florida Senate's web site](#) or stay tuned to Im4Rights for updates.

## ***Page 3...***

To date, I have tried to keep the **In Support of Freedom** newsletter limited to two pages. Starting with this issue, I'm going to expand the newsletter to at least three pages. In January 2022, page 3 and beyond will only be available to my Locals supporters at [im4rights.locals.com](http://im4rights.locals.com). Locals supporters will continue to get first access to the newsletter and the expanded content. The two page version will still be posted at [im4rights.com/news](http://im4rights.com/news) and for general consumption on Locals three days after being published for Locals supporters. If you enjoy this newsletter, I hope you will join us on Locals. You can join for free and see some of the content, or you can become a supporter for \$2 per month. Supporter status gives you access to all content, allows you to comment on posts, post your own content, and join Im4Rights live streams.

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## Battle of the ‘Bands’...

Well, actually the NAR CAT tourniquet faces off against its Chinese knock-off, the “Touclo” tourniquet. I purchased both tourniquets through Amazon Smile (w/donation to GOA). I wondered how the cheap Chinese product would stack up against one of the most highly recommended tourniquets out there, so I rated the two heads up in a variety of categories.

### North American Rescue 2 Pack Genuine NAR CAT Tourniquet Gen 7 Black

Brand: North American Rescue

★★★★★ 1,225 ratings | 21 answered questions

List Price: \$69.95 Details

Price: \$52.25

### Tourniquets, 4 Pack Emergency Outdoor Tourniquet First Aid Tactical Life Saving Hemorrhage Control Military Tactical Emergency, Single-Handed Operation of Hemostatic Bandage

Brand: Touclo

★★★★★ 290 ratings | 6 answered questions

Amazon's Choice in Tourniquets by Touclo

Price: \$25.99 (\$2.60 /10 Items) & FREE Returns

### Tale of the Tape

Feature	NAR	Touclo
Price per Unit	\$26.13	✓ \$6.50
Packaging		✓
Length		✓ (by an inch)
Instructions	✓ (storage instructions)	
Windlass Retention	✓ (tighter retention)	
Time: Label	✓ (minimal bleeding of ink)	
Overall Rating	✓ (by a slim margin)	

In the end, the NAR CAT tourniquet edged out the Toulco in a couple of important categories (retention and label), and the fact that it is made in the USA is plus, if you can afford it. I was impressed with the quality of the Toulco tourniquet, especially given its affordable price. If you need only a few tourniquets, then the NAR CAT won't break the bank, but if you need a bunch, you may want the lower per unit cost of Toulco tourniquets. Here are some side-by-side photos:



CAT (top), Toulco (bottom)

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CAT (left), Toulco (right)



CAT (right), Toulco (left)



CAT (right), Toulco (left)



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CAT (right), Toulco (left)



CAT (top), Toulco (bottom)

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