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| **OBJECT ID** | 2014.1.55 |
| **OBJECT NAME** | Coin |
| **DATE CREATED** | 1926 |
| **MATERIAL** | Copper; Nickel |
| **ACCESS POINTS** | coin<br>copper<br>drachmas<br>helmet<br>Money<br>Nickel<br>Profile<br>Silver |

## OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Greek Silver coin:
Obverse: person's profile facing left with long hair, wearing and Athenian helmet-- could be a representation of the godess Athena
Reverse: "Greek Republic, 1926, Two drachmas" written in the Greek alphabet

## ORIGIN

In 1926, 22,000,000 coins were minted in Vienna Austria. Presidential elections were held in Greece between 4 and 11 April 1926. At the time the country was a dictatorship under Theodoros Pangalos, who was one of the two candidates. The other, Konstantinos Demertzis, withdrew from the contest before election day, but remained on the ballot paper. Pangalos received 93.3% of the vote. However, he was removed from office on 22 August following a counter-coup and was replaced by Pavlos Kountouriotis. It remains the only occasion on which the President of Greece has been elected by the public.

## CITATION

Coin, 1926, *National Hellenic Museum*, https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/. Accessed 11/10/26.