



OBJECT ID	2013.5.121
OBJECT NAME	Coin
OBJECT COLLECTION	Pete Poulos Collection (is part of)
DATE CREATED	1976
MATERIAL	Copper; Nickel
OBJECT ENTITIES	Greece, (created by) Poulos, Pete (owned by) Poulos, Peter (is related to) Pericles, (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	1976 coin Parthenon Pericles

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a 20 drachma coin from the year 1976. On the front side is a portrait of ancient Athenian hero Pericles. He appears in a similar fashion to United States presidents on American coins. He has a beard and is wearing a helmet that is tilted back on his head. To the left of his head is his name written in Greek. The back of the coin features a large picture of the Parthenon. Underneath the Parthenon is the word "drachma" written in Greek. Underneath the word "drachma" is the number 1976, with the number 20 in between 19 and 76. The words "Hellenic Democracy" in Greek surround the entire back of the coin. The coin has a silver color. It is made of copper and nickel. Its edge is smooth with lettering that says "Hellenic Democracy" in Greek.

ORIGIN

The coin was minted in 1973 and has a value of 20 drachma. The symbol that appears on the back of the coin is the symbol of the military coup that took place in 1967 and caused the Greek monarchy to be abolished by 1973. It features a phoenix, which is symbolic for Greek democracy rising again from the ashes. The nymph which appears on the back is a traditional Greek figures. Nymphs were mythological characters who often represented the spirit of nature. The water that appears under the nymph is characteristic of an aspect of nature that they nymph could represent.

CITATION

Coin, 1976, Pete Poulos Collection, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 03/29/24.
