



OBJECT ID	2013.5.107
OBJECT NAME	Coin
OBJECT COLLECTION	Pete Poulos Collection (is part of)
DATE CREATED	1968
MATERIAL	Copper; Nickel
OBJECT ENTITIES	Greece, (created by) Poulos, Pete (owned by) Poulos, Peter (is related to) II, King (is related to) Hercules, (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	coin

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a 10 drachma coin from the year 1968. On the front side is a portrait of the Greek king Constantine II. He appears in a similar fashion to U.S. presidents on American coins. His name is inscribed in Greek letters under his head. Greek words form a circle around his head. The numbers 1968 appear at the bottom of the coin, signifying the year that it was minted. The back of the coin features two images of Hercules leaning on either side of a shield which has a Christian cross on it. On top of this shield is a crown. Under the shield is the number 10, which signifies the amount of money it was worth. Under this number 10 it says "drachma" in Greek. Greek words encircle the image of the Hercules' and the shield. The edges of the coin are smooth and it is a silver color. There is some green rusty buildup on the front of the coin around King Constantine's head.

ORIGIN

The coin was minted in 1968, four years after King Constantine II ascended to the throne. The back of the coin features Hercules, who is one of the most popular figures of Greek mythology. In the image that appears on the back of this coin, he has just completed his famed 12 labors.

CITATION

Coin, 1968, Pete Poulos Collection, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://hellenic.whirlihost.com/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 05/11/24.