U.S. Mint to produce $1 Trump coin

The U.S. Treasury is to issue a commemorative $1 coin featuring President Donald Trump to mark the country's 250th anniversary. Federal law bans living presidents from appearing on the nation's currency

Treasury Secretary ***Scott Bessent*** may have authority over minting of commemorative coins

New design with gold finish

Original design: solid gold, with image of Trump leaning forward, fists on Oval Office Resolute Desk



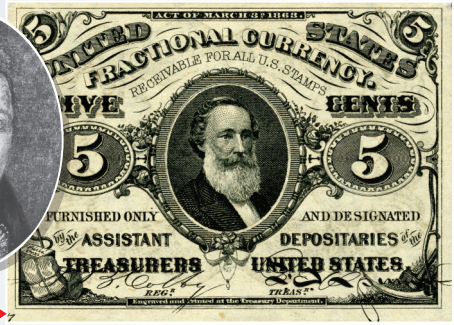
1794: First U.S. silver dollar – ***President George Washington*** refuses to appear on it to avoid appearance of a monarchy

1866 THAYER AMENDMENT: Prohibits image of any living person on "bonds, securities, notes, or postal currency" but leaves loophole for coins

Introduced after ***Spencer Clark,*** official at Treasury Department, prints his own face on banknotes instead of renowned explorer ***William Clark***



William Clark



5¢ note featuring Superintendent of National Currency Bureau

2005 PRESIDENTIAL $1 COIN ACT: "No coin issued…may bear the image of a living former or current President, or of any deceased former President during the 2-year period following the date of the death of that President"

*1926 Sesquicentennial (150-year) half dollar features sitting **President Calvin Coolidge** with George Washington*



2026: Chair of ***Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee*** which advises on coin designs states "Only those nations ruled by kings or dictators display the image of their sitting ruler on the coins of the realm"

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