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SHOCKING NUMISMATIC REVELATION: All Liberty Seated Coins Deemed "Historically Inaccurate" - Full Recall Ordered!

In a jaw-dropping announcement that has stunned the coin collecting world, the U.S. Mint has issued a nationwide recall of all Liberty Seated coins, minted from 1836 to 1891. The reason? Apparently, Liberty was never supposed to be seated at all.

According to recently declassified documents from deep within the Mint's archives - right next to a box labeled "Confederate Cents – Definitely Not a Real Thing" - the engraver misread the original design sketch. The intention was for Lady Liberty to be "standing at a patriotic barbecue," not lounging on a rock like she's waiting for someone to bring her an iced tea.

"This is a major embarrassment," said Dr. Philatelus W. Nickelsnob, head of the Mint's Historical Accuracy Division. "For nearly 160 years, collectors have revered an image that was essentially a 19th-century artist's daydream. We're correcting that mistake, starting now."



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As part of the correction, the Mint is launching the 2025 "Liberty Slightly Leaning While Waiting For a Streetcar" commemorative series to better reflect the original intention. The updated design features Liberty awkwardly checking her pocket watch while trying to hail an imaginary cab.

All holders of Seated Liberty coinage are being "strongly encouraged" to mail their collections to the Mint in exchange for:

One (1) 2025 Kennedy half dollar (circulated condition), A crisp photocopy of the Coinage Act of 1853, And a limited-edition U.S. Mint tote bag that says "Numismatics, Not Nonsense."

Failure to comply may result in mandatory enrollment in an 8-week seminar titled "How to Properly Appreciate the Susan B. Anthony Dollar."

The recall covers all Seated Liberty denominations:

- ✓ Half Dimes
- ✓ Dimes
- ✓ Twenty-Cent Pieces
- ✓ Quarters
- ✓ Half Dollars
- ✓ Dollars
- ✓ That weird pattern piece you paid too much for on eBay

Dealers nationwide are already feeling the impact. One prominent collector, who wishes to remain anonymous (but let's be real, it's probably Steve from table B17), has reportedly locked himself in his coin vault and refuses to come out until the Mint reissues Gobrecht Dollars with Liberty roller-skating instead of sitting.

Social media is ablaze. "I just finished my full Seated Liberty type set," wrote one user. "Now they tell me she was just loitering?!" Another added, "Does this mean my chop-marked trade dollar is now historically significant and dramatically incorrect? Jackpot."

Meanwhile, conspiracy theorists claim this is just phase one of the government's plan to replace all coinage with cryptocurrency modeled after Franklin Pierce's sideburns. But that's unconfirmed.

Collectors, do not panic. This is all completely true, entirely legitimate, and — totally and entirely fabricated. ③

Happy April Fool's Day, courtesy of OpenAI's ChatGPT. Your Liberty Seated coins are still historical treasures, artistic marvels, and nowhere near being recalled (unless your cat swallowed one - then maybe call a vet).