

Barry Goldwater Glass Tumbler



\$0.50
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From: Estate sale

Barry Goldwater glass tumbler '64 presidential campaign

Description:

Glass GOLDWATER FOR PRESIDENT tumbler from the 1964 Presidential Campaign. 5" high and 2¾" across. Excellent condition. Nice collectible. Please check out my other auctions for presidential collectibles.

Winning Bid:

\$42.11

Ended: 4/22/07

History: 8 bids

Starting Bid: \$4.99

Winner: New York, NY

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Lynn's Story (eBay ID: lelou68)

It was November here in New York and garage sale season had ended so I had to hit the estate sale circuit. Here on Long Island estate sales are popular and people take them very seriously. Dealers pay people to get on line for them at 4am so they can be the first inside at 9:00 am. Even if you arrive an hour before the doors open, you are unlikely to be in the first group of ten people admitted. Often when you do manage to get inside, most of the house contents have already sold. But I've learnt that even if you arrive several hours into a sale, there are always some items that the dealers miss. At one estate sale, late in the day, I opened a kitchen cabinet to find stacks of Wedgwood china that nobody had noticed!

At an estate sale there are two areas I always head straight for - the kitchen (to look for china and flatware) and the basement, where collectible items are often lurking. It was in the basement at one particular estate sale that I found two vintage glass tumblers - one was a commemorative tumbler bearing an image of John F Kennedy and one was a campaign piece for Barry Goldwater. I remember being happy about the JFK one, but thinking the Goldwater one might be a tough sell (after all he was the loser in the 1964 election). But they were two for a dollar so I took them both.

I packed the tumblers away in my ebay closet when I got home and

promptly forgot about them. When garage sale season started a few months later, I picked up some more JFK items. Remembering the JFK tumbler, I pulled it out along with the Goldwater one and listed them separately with starting bids of \$4.99 each. I like to list similar items at the same time in the hope that this will generate more interest. To my surprise, the Goldwater tumbler took off and ended up going for \$42.11. Not bad for a 50 cent investment!

The JFK items, however, did poorly and the JFK tumbler didn't sell at all that first week. I was puzzled by this because I was sure JFK was more popular than Goldwater. But it seems that Barry Goldwater is considered to be the father of modern-day conservatism and is regarded by some in much the same way that Ronald Reagan is. Because Goldwater lost the '64 election, there are far fewer pieces of memorabilia concerning him around than there are featuring candidates who successfully ran for president. And at the end of day, where collectibles are concerned, it's rarity that counts! The unpredictable nature of eBay is what makes it so much fun. Sometimes the item you think will be a sure thing falls flat on its face while the item you pick up for 50 cents as an afterthought sells for 84 times what you paid for it. Every listing is a learning experience and you can be sure I'm keeping an eye open for more Barry Goldwater items!

