

EDITORS' NOTE

Edward Leamer's striking essay, "Let's Take the Con Out of Econometrics," has attracted an extraordinary amount of attention and comment since its appearance in the *American Economic Review* in 1983. Leamer attacked some of the prevailing myths of econometric liturgy, and argued for a theory of econometrics that was more compatible with practice. In the following comment, the philosopher Clark Glymour offers his own construal of Leamer's argument and advances some proposals of his own. Leamer's "reply" is not exactly that, but more nearly an attempt to state more clearly the view advanced in his original paper.