

Interrogations concerning the role that economic theory should play in policy decisions are nothing new. Milton Friedman famously drew a distinction between “positive” and “normative” economics, notably arguing that theoretical models were valuable, [despite their unrealistic assumptions](#). Kenneth Arrow and Gerard Debreu’s highly theoretical work on [General Equilibrium Theory](#) is widely acknowledged as one of the most important achievements of modern economics.

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