The Roots of Predictivism

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In The Paradox of Predictivism (2008 Cambridge University Press) I argued that that there is an intimate relationship between predictivism and epistemic pluralism (the thesis that the judgments of scientists are a critical form of scientific evidence). While predictivism can take various forms, I developed an account I called 'virtuous predictivism' which I then applied to the historical example of Mendeleev's Periodic Law. This account made use of an account of predictive novelty I refer to as 'endorsement novelty'. In these remarks I respond to published criticisms by David Harker, Clark Glymour, and Jarrett Leplin.