I've run production clusters serving 6M+ dynamic pages a day to 60k + active users long before that was common. Even before the RHEL days.

Using RHEL/CentOS is not an indication of laziness, and liking it is not an indication that no other platform has been tried.

What you learn in this business if you have to do the work yourself or hire others to do it is that folks who insist there is one true distribution are people you want to stay far away from. You also learn that little in the way of commercial software even supports Debian, making it in some cases a particularly poor platform to use. Different situations suit different distributions better.

Good luck with your work, but save the blanket distribution bashing for somewhere else.