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Abstract: In this paper I focus on the Canadian blood system, and how the concept of safe blood is informed by anti-black narratives of health, citizenship, and nation-making. I use a black queer diasporic analytic to explore the following questions: how are national borders increasingly policed through technologies of blood? how are blood donation systems and discourses of safe blood imperial and "corporatist projects"? And through the creation of global trans/national blood systems, how has the definition of the "tainted/endemic body" as well as the "good donor" travelled globally?

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