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In January 2013, Beyoncé generated some very negative headlines for her special performance at President Obama's second inauguration in beautiful Washington, D.C. She was criticized for reportedly pre-recording a version of "The Star Spangled Banner" and lip-syncing to her own track during the outdoor ceremony. Despite wide media coverage, in the days following the incident, Beyoncé did not publicly address the controversy.

Not long after, prior to her appearance at Super Bowl XLVII, Beyoncé performed the song live at a press conference. She explained to reporters that she had used a "backing track" at the inauguration, adding that she would "absolutely be singing live" at the NFL's biggest event of the year, according to The Huffington Post.