**Story:**

San Francisco’s cutting-edge technology startup, Cruise Automation, leads the funding rounds of U.S. companies in the last six months, according to CrunchBase data.

Regardless of its fundraising prowess, data from Comparably shows Cruise Automation is far from the top when it comes to diversity or happiness within some employees surveyed. CEO Kyle Vogt has an approval rating of 70% and the work environment has been graded with an F.

23 reviews of the Indeed job searching tool reveal a myriad of experiences in the work environment. Among these, a former female employee stated that “you sit at a table in front of a computer screen all day. It is not a cubicle, so you are surrounded by a diverse group of MALES. It’s a young startup tech company that I don’t believe in. They hire you, beat you to a pulp, and then spit you out. You come out worse than when you started.”

Another review pointed out that “Managers are terrible. Job Security is not a thing. The people working with you are great people and very nice. No personal autonomy or self-control.”

Current employees differ, praising the startup as a “fun and productive place to work”

Cruise Automation reached its peak last May when Japan’s SoftBank invested $3.5 billion in the autonomous driving unit, making the company ranked 7th worldwide in the most favored companies by investors throughout the world.

Companies dedicated to autonomous vehicles, sensors, robotics, transportation, electronics, and innovative management are the most favored this year by investors.

So far in 2018, venture funding in California startups is up to $42 billion, shows CrunchBase data.

**Data analysis:**

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**Top Story Ideas:**

Important: These topics require further company research

1. Are investors trusting fintech companies led by women?

The world-wide data of the csv demonstrates that FinTech and financial services are part of the top ten categories for which organization or people invest. The median of money raised by companies who work with these sectors in the United States is over seven hundred million.

1. Who are the top investor companies in San Francisco? Are they investing in successful companies that do something like them or not?
2. Why are investors trusting transportation and robotics companies from San Francisco in 2018? Has this increased this year or is something that has been seen during the last five years?
3. Data proves that valuations continue to rise for Canadian cannabis firms. Is US following those footsteps? From what part of the world are the top investors of these industries?
4. How diverse are the top 10 companies from San Francisco that got more funding in the last six months?
5. The United States data shows that the U.S. Department of Defense has invest eight times in this past six months to companies focused on health, biotechnology, engineering, science, genetics, and alternative medicine. Will there be a specific product as a result? Has there been a change in the Department’s investment?